

## Close Ohio gay-rights vote mirrors national debate

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio – Thirty years ago, a vote like the one just decided in this university town wouldn't have happened; gay-rights activism hadn't taken root across most of America. Thirty years hence, such votes may seem a historical curiosity in a time of equality for gays. Right now, though, the gay rights movement is at a tipping point, as epitomized by Bowling Green's divisive referendum on extending anti-discrimination protections to gays. The vote was so close that it took three extra weeks to determine whether the two measures passed.

Nationally, gay-rights supporters and their conservative opponents are trading victories and setbacks, and the public is deeply divided on same-sex marriage. Could the push for full equality be stalled or reversed? Probably not, if public opinion evolves at its current pace.

"All you have to do is look at the demographics and you can see this is as inevitable as anything," said Michael Klarman, a Harvard Law School professor who has studied the civil rights and gay rights movements.

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## A BETTER TOMORROW



President Barack Obama and daughters Sasha, center, and Malia, right, walk out of the Oval Office to participate in an event to pardon 'Apple,' the NationalThanksgiving turkey, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, during a ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

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## S. Korea's defense chief resigns

A South Korean man walks under a street lamp near the ruins of a neighborhood on Yeonpyeong Island, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010. South Korea's president vowed Thursday to boost troops on the island targeted by a North Korean artillery barrage, while the North stridently warned of additional attacks if the South carries out any "reckless military provocations."

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## GAY RIGHTS

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Surveys repeatedly find that young adults, far more so than their elders, support the rights of gays to marry and serve openly in the military. A Gallup poll earlier this year showed, for the first time, a majority of Americans saying same-sex relations were morally acceptable. Increasing numbers of Americans personally know gays and lesbians, and positive portrayals of them abound on TV and in films.

"The more gay-friendly an environment you create, the more people come out as gay," Klarman said. "When people

know other people are gay family, co-workers they find it harder and harder to dislike them and deny them equal rights."

Social conservatives see those trends as clearly as liberals do, though they may hope for a different outcome.

"There is a sense of inevitability of moral standards diminishing that is frustrating for many," said the Rev. Scott Estep, pastor of a popular Bowling Green church, Dayspring Assembly of God.

The church of 700-plus members, on the Dixie Highway north of town where

roadside businesses give way to open farmland, is attended by leading opponents of the two ordinances, though the pastor himself made no formal endorsement of either side.

"I'm concerned about the kind of environment my children will grow up in," said Estep, who considers homosexual behavior one sin among many. He suggested, not despairingly, that his son and daughter "will be faced with a lot more decisions and diversity than I did."

Both sides in the Bowling Green campaign recognized that they were part of a bigger picture evidenced by the involvement of national

gay-rights organizers whose savvy, in the end, helped the ordinances win approval after a bitter 16-month debate.

"We became a small battleground in a larger war," said John Zanfardino, the city councilor who introduced the ordinances in 2009, miscalculating that their enactment would be swift and smooth.

The battleground is a northwest Ohio town of 30,000 residents, plus 18,000 university students. Its county was carried by George W. Bush in the 2004 presidential election and by Barack Obama in 2008.

Mayor John Quinn is already talking about the need to heal the wounds opened by the referendum campaign.

"Some of it wasn't as pretty as I'd have liked," he said. "I don't want to use the word hate, but some people have very strong anti-gay feelings." To local conservatives managing the No campaign, the ordinances were an unneeded gesture of political correctness in a community where, in their view, blatant discrimination hadn't been a problem. They said the ultimate goal was to undermine Ohio's 2004 ban on same-

sex marriage part of surge of similar bans in other states as a step toward legalizing gay marriage nationwide.

"It's about trying to impose on our community a political agenda," said real estate agent Ed Sitter, who was active in the No campaign. "The militant homosexuals want their lifestyle elevated to the same level as the civil rights movement."

Though he and his allies resented the role of outside organizers on the Yes side, Sitter views their town-by-town strategy as formidable.

"They're looking 15-20 years ahead," he said. "They're more committed to their cause than we are."

Whatever the future portends, recent months have been sobering for gay-right activists. Key gay-rights bills floundered in the Democratic-led Congress and will have less chance when the GOP takes control of the House.

Three Iowa Supreme Court justices were ousted by voters because they ruled in favor of same-sex marriage. A spate of suicides by gay teens underscored the pervasiveness and cruelty of anti-gay bullying. □

# Deficit hit men target NASA's post-shuttle plans

By MARCIA DUNN,  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's effort to farm out astronauts' space station trips to private companies over the next decade is under fire again, this time by federal deficit hit men.

Spaceflight vendors stand to lose \$1.2 billion in NASA funding in 2015 under a proposal by the co-chairmen of President Barack Obama's bipartisan deficit commission. Eliminating federal funding for commercial rocket rides is just one of dozens of ideas put forth earlier this month. It was No. 24 on the list and, outside of space circles, was barely noticed, overshadowed by proposed cuts in Social Security benefits and a call for higher taxes.

NASA isn't overly worried, for now. Neither are the entrepreneurs who are counting on government dollars to hurry their

spacecraft and rockets along; they're used to the Earth-mired roller coaster ride. Besides, few if any observers expect the proposed cut to muster enough support.

But the fact that commercial spaceflight was targeted, underscores the vulnerability and controversy of the Obama administration's plan to get American astronauts to the International Space Station via commercial craft once the space shuttles stop flying next year. "We're at the point now where it's either commercial human spaceflight or no human spaceflight in the U.S.," said the founder and chief executive officer of Space Explorations Technologies Corp., Elon Musk.

His California-based SpaceX is one of several companies vying to build rockets and spacecraft that could deliver astronauts or supplies to the space station, freeing NASA up to focus on grander deep-

space adventures.

Unless those private businesses come up with safe and reliable means of transport, NASA will be forced to continue buying seats on Russian Soyuz spacecraft at a cost of tens of millions of dollars — per person.

A round-trip ticket to the space station in 2011 and 2012 will run NASA as much as \$51 million, up from the current \$26 million. The price will jump to \$56 million in 2013 and 2014. With two or three Americans on the space station at any given time, and crew swaps every six months, the millions add up fast. The orbiting outpost is expected to operate until at least 2020.

"The Russian price goes up every year, and they have a monopoly," said Sierra Nevada Corp.'s Mark Sirangelo. The company is building Dream Chaser, a winged mini-shuttle that it hopes to launch atop a rocket to the space station.



This artist's rendering provided by Sierra Nevada Space Systems shows the company's Dream Chaser spacecraft docking with the International Space Station. The company hopes that by 2014 the Dream Chaser will make its first orbital flight and then eventually take space travelers to the International Space Station. NASA's effort to farm out astronaut trips to the International Space Station to private companies over the next decade is under fire again, this time by federal deficit hit men.

(AP Photo/Sierra Nevada Space Systems)

"Why should the U.S. spend money in Russia?" asked Sirangelo, who also serves as chairman of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation. "Why should we create Russian jobs and spend money on Russian technology when there are a

number of U.S. companies who could provide the same kind of service?"

The federation represents 37 companies employing thousands of Americans working on real hardware and new concepts. □



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# US jury convicts Somalis as pirates in Navy attack

By STEVE SZKOTAK,  
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Five Somali men accused of attacking a U.S. Navy ship off Africa's coast were convicted Wednesday on federal piracy charges in what the government said was the first piracy conviction in a U.S. courtroom in nearly 200 years. The verdict was handed down by a jury in U.S. District Court. The five men, who wore earphones, stood silently as the verdict was read to them by an interpreter. They face mandatory life terms at a sentencing hearing set for March 14 in Norfolk.

Attorneys for the five said they didn't fully grasp the trial, the charges or the verdict.

"He really doesn't understand fully," said Jon N. Babineau, who represented Abdi Mohammed Gurewardher. "He does understand he will die in a U.S. prison. He understands that."

"They were just sad," said David Bouchard, who defended Abdi Wali Dire.

Defense lawyers had argued the men were innocent fishermen who had been abducted by pirates and forced to fire their weapons at the ship.

But federal prosecutors argued during trial that the five had confessed to attacking the USS Nicholas on April 1 after mistaking it for a merchant ship. The Nicholas, based in Norfolk, was part of an international flotilla fighting piracy in the seas off Somalia. The government said the conviction should send a message to pirates who continue to harass merchant ships off the coast of Africa and take hostages.

"Certainly we hope the word goes forth that armed attacks on U.S.-flagged vessels are crimes against the international community and

will not go unpunished," U.S. Attorney Neil H. MacBride said during a teleconference after the verdict.

Piracy and maritime law experts said news of the convictions would reach across the globe.

Ken Randall, dean of the University of Alabama School of law and a piracy scholar, wrote in an e-mail that the verdict set an important example for the world.

"On the seas, as well as in the courts, every nation should follow the US lead in redressing piracy," he wrote.

The government said three of the men were in a skiff that opened fire on the Nicholas with assault rifles, then fled when sailors returned fire with machine guns.

All the men later confessed to the attack to an interpreter aboard the Nicholas. He said they expected to make anywhere from \$10,000 to \$40,000 from the ransom.

Defense attorneys said it is not uncommon in virtually lawless Somalia for pirates to capture fishermen and essentially enslave them, forcing them to either do their bidding or be killed. They said that's what happened to their clients.

The attorneys argued that the men — Dire, Gabul Abdullah Ali, Gurewardher, Abdi Mohammed Umar and Mohammed Modin Hasan — had actually hoped to be rescued.

They also questioned the validity of the confessions, which were not videotaped. However, Lt. j.g. Chad Robert Hutchins, who was in charge of security aboard the Nicholas when it was attacked, praised the verdict.

"Our justice system is great," he said outside of court after the verdict was read. "It's a great feeling."

He described the mood on the ship that morning as one of

**FILE - In this Nov. 23, 2010 file artist's sketch, bottom row from left, Abdi Gurewardher, Abdi Umar, Mohammed Hasan, Abdi Dire and Gabul Ali listen to interpreter Ayderus Ali as Judge Mark Davis looks on in U.S. District Court in Norfolk, Va. The five Somali men accused of attacking a U.S. Navy ship off Africa's coast were convicted on federal piracy charges Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010 in what experts said was the first trial of its kind in America in more than a century.**

(AP Photo/Alba Bragoli, File)

fear. "People were scared," he said. "People were jumping under things, people were laying on the ground, people were hiding behind things. There was definitely fear on the ship."

Other countries have recently held piracy trials, but legal and maritime scholars say one of the last in the U.S. was in 1861, when 13 Southern privateers aboard the schooner Savannah were prosecuted in New York City. The jury deadlocked and the men were later exchanged with the South.

The last U.S. conviction for piracy was in 1819, and involved a foreign vessel. U.S. piracy law was based on that case.

Besides piracy, the five were convicted of plundering, weapons, assault, explosives and conspiracy charges. They were also armed with a rocket-propelled grenade.

Somalia's first secretary to the U.N. mission called the trial "vigilante justice" and said he would appeal for an international solution to deal with piracy.

"One of the things we're asking is to have those convicted of piracy to be returned to Somalia so they can serve their terms," said Omar Jamal. MacBride said that was unlikely. □



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# AG: 2 murder charges for honeymoon death suspect



By GREG RISLING,  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An Alabama man accused of killing his wife during their honeymoon on the Great Barrier Reef has been indicted on two murder counts, the state attorney general said Thursday after the suspect arrived in the United States from Australia, where he served an 18-month prison sentence for the 2003 drowning death.

Gabe Watson, 33, arrived in Los Angeles on Thursday morning after he was deported on a commercial flight from the southern Australian city of Melbourne. Immigration Minister Chris Bowen said Watson was accompanied by two Immigration Department staff and three Queensland state police officers on the flight. Watson cleared customs within an hour and was taken away in handcuffs. Los Angeles police Lt. Aaron McCraney told The

Associated Press that Watson was booked at a local police substation after his arrival. Watson will likely make a court appearance in Los Angeles before being sent back to Alabama. Courts are closed Friday.

Alabama hopes to make arrangements to bring Watson back to the state early next week, said Attorney General Troy King, who criticized Australian authorities by saying they showed Watson too much leniency.

"The Australians extorted from the state and the victim's family to water down our justice, just like they watered down theirs," King said.

"Why did they decide to shield a man from punishment for what he did?" King said. "I don't understand it."

Watson pleaded guilty last year in Australia to the manslaughter of his wife of

11 days, 26-year-old Tina Watson. He had been in immigration custody since completing a prison sentence earlier this month. Australia, a staunch opponent of capital punishment, delayed his deportation until it received a pledge from the U.S. government that it would not seek the death penalty against Watson.

King has promised not to seek the death penalty as a condition for getting Australian authorities to extradite Watson. He said Watson was indicted by an Alabama grand jury on capital murder in the course of kidnapping, and capital murder for pecuniary gain.

The grand jury returned the indictment around the time of the 7-year-anniversary of the Oct. 22, 2003, death, but the charges were sealed until Watson was returned to the country, King said.

King refused to discuss the evidence in the case in detail.

But he said prosecutors believe that Watson hatched a plan to kill his wife while they were in Alabama, which gives the state jurisdiction over her death.

"We're obviously anxious to get him back to Alabama," King said.

Watson could seek to fight the extradition request.

Australian Immigration Minister Bowen said Watson returned to the United States voluntarily after both Alabama and U.S. federal authorities guaranteed that he would not face the death penalty.

Watson's lawyer, Adrian Braithwaite, said his client was happy to go.

"He's looking forward to returning home and successfully defending himself if there's a trial there," Braithwaite told The Associated Press.

Watson was dubbed the "Honeymoon Killer" by the Australian media after his wife drowned during a 2003 scuba diving trip on the Great Barrier Reef off Queensland's tropical coast with her husband, an accomplished diver.

In 2008, the Queensland state coroner found there was sufficient evidence to charge Watson with her death, and he was officially charged with murder a few months

later.

In 2009, Watson — who had remarried — traveled to Australia to face trial.

Officials in Queensland state argued he killed his wife by turning off her air supply and holding her underwater. When Watson pleaded guilty to the lesser manslaughter charge last year, he was sentenced to 18 months — a punishment Tina Watson's family and Alabama authorities slammed as far too lenient.

Queensland Coroner David Glasgow said a possible motive for the killing was Tina Watson's modest life insurance policy.

King has argued there are no international standards on double jeopardy that prevent Alabama from trying Watson again over the death.

Bowen said it was not an issue for Australia whether there was a new prosecution. "My role has been to ensure that we fulfill our treaty obligations, we've done that," Bowen told reporters in Canberra. "Double jeopardy is not covered by our treaty obligations."

Under Australia's Extradition Act, a person cannot be deported to face prosecution on a capital charge unless there is an assurance the death penalty will not be imposed. □

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# Obama asks country to help make tomorrow better

By DARLENE  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saying America has a history of doing what it takes to make a better tomorrow, President Barack Obama is calling on a country climbing out of its worst economic slump in decades to summon that spirit again this holiday season.

"This is not the hardest Thanksgiving America has ever faced. But as long as many members of our American family are hurting, we've got to look out for one another," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address, released for Thanksgiving. "As long as many of our sons and daughters and husbands and wives are at war, we've got to support their mission and honor their service," Obama added.

"And as long as many of our friends and neighbors are looking for work, we've got to do everything we can to accelerate this recovery and keep our economy moving forward."

In the weekly Republican message, Georgia Rep.-elect Austin Scott characterized the 85-member incoming freshman class as a "new breed of leaders for a new majority and a new Congress" and said they stand ready to turn around the country.

The GOP won control of

the House in elections earlier this month and will take over in January.

"As much as we have to be thankful for, too many Georgians and too many Americans have been out of work for far too long," Scott said.

"Our new Republican majority is ready to focus on creating jobs and putting a stop to the runaway spending in Washington, D.C."

Mindful of the new political reality taking shape in Washington, a new order in which Democrats no longer will rule both the White House and Congress, Obama wove another call for bipartisanship into his holiday message.

He said one political party won't be able to solve all the country's problems.

"We've got to do it as one



President Barack Obama, center, works with members of his family as they pack food for Thanksgiving at Martha's Table, a local food pantry in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010. Also with Obama are his daughter Sasha, left, and his mother-in-law Marian Robinson, right.

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people," the president said.

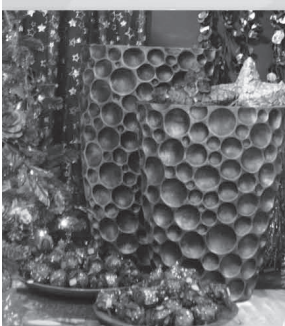
"And in the coming weeks and months, I hope that we can work together, Democrats and Republicans and independents alike, to make progress on these and other issues." He cited

jobs and economic recovery among the issues.

Obama is to meet at the White House on Tuesday with congressional leaders from both parties, a session originally announced for Nov. 18 but was delayed

a week and a half after Republicans said they couldn't accommodate the president.

Obama was spending Thanksgiving at the White House with family and friends. □



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# Jury convicts Tom DeLay in money laundering trial



Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, along with his wife, Christine, left, and daughter Danielle Garcia, leave the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010. A jury found DeLay guilty of money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

By JUAN A. LOZANO,  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay — once one of the most powerful and feared Republicans in Congress — was convicted Wednesday on charges he illegally funneled corporate money to Texas candidates in 2002. Jurors deliberated for 19 hours before returning guilty verdicts against DeLay on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering. He faces up to life in prison on the money laundering charge. After the verdicts were read, DeLay hugged his daughter,

(AP Photo/Jack Plunkett)

Danielle, and his wife, Christine. His lead attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said they planned to appeal the verdict. “This is an abuse of power. It’s a miscarriage of justice, and I still maintain that I am innocent.

The criminalization of politics undermines our very system and I’m very disappointed in the outcome,” DeLay told reporters outside the courtroom. He remains free on bond, and his sentencing was tentatively set to begin on Dec. 20.

Prosecutors said DeLay, who once held the No. 2 job in the House of Representatives and whose heavy-handed style

earned him the nickname “the Hammer,” used his political action committee to illegally channel \$190,000 in corporate donations into 2002 Texas legislative races through a money swap.

DeLay and his attorneys maintained the former Houston-area congressman did nothing wrong as no corporate funds went to Texas candidates and the money swap was legal.

The verdict came after a three-week trial in which prosecutors presented more than 30 witnesses and volumes of e-mails and other documents. DeLay’s attorneys presented five witnesses.

“This case is a message from the citizens of the state of Texas that the public officials they elect to represent them must do so honestly and ethically, and if not, they’ll be held accountable,” Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg said after the verdict.

Prosecutors said DeLay conspired with two associates, John Colyandro and Jim Ellis,

to use his Texas-based PAC to send \$190,000 in corporate money to an arm of the Washington-based Republican National Committee, or RNC. The RNC then sent the same amount to seven Texas House candidates. Under Texas law, corporate money can’t go directly to political campaigns. Prosecutors claim the money helped Republicans take control of the Texas House. That enabled the GOP majority to push through a Delay-engineered congressional redistricting plan that sent more Texas Republicans to Congress in 2004 — and strengthened DeLay’s political power.

DeLay’s attorneys argued the money swap resulted in the seven candidates getting donations from individuals, which they could legally use in Texas.

They also said DeLay only lent his name to the PAC and had little involvement in how it was run. Prosecutors, who presented mostly circumstantial evidence, didn’t prove he committed a

crime, they said.

DeLay has chosen to have Senior Judge Pat Priest sentence him. He faces five years to life in prison on the money laundering charge and two to 20 years on the conspiracy charge. He also would be eligible for probation.

The 2005 criminal charges in Texas, as well as a separate federal investigation of DeLay’s ties to disgraced former lobbyist Jack Abramoff, ended his 22-year political career representing suburban Houston. The Justice Department probe into DeLay’s ties to Abramoff ended without any charges filed against DeLay.

Ellis and Colyandro, who face lesser charges, will be tried later.

Except for a 2009 appearance on ABC’s hit television show “Dancing With the Stars,” DeLay has been out of the spotlight since resigning from Congress in 2006. He now runs a consulting firm based in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land. □

## Storms, not airport security, slow holiday travel

BISMARCK, N.D. — A planned boycott of airport security scanners was a bust, but holiday travelers in the western U.S. had to contend with a chaotic mix of snow, sleet and ice.

The powerful storm system closed roads and delayed flights from Anchorage to Salt Lake City, and promised to bring messy wintery weather to much of the Dakotas on Thanksgiving Day.

Freezing rain glazed roads across the Midwest, and at least three traffic deaths in Iowa were blamed on the weather.

But the cascading delays and monumental lines that many feared would result at airports from the so-called National Opt-Out Day didn’t materialize Wednesday, one of the busiest travel days of the year.

The loosely organized Internet campaign encouraged travelers to protest new security screening by boycotting body scanners that can see through people’s clothing and insisting on the more time consuming pat-downs. But few passengers seemed to heed the call.

“It was a day at the beach, a box of chocolates,” Greg Hancock, 61, said after going through a

body scanner Wednesday at the Phoenix airport. He was sent through the scanner after a golf ball marker set off the metal detector.

His wife, Marti Hancock, 58, said that ever since she was in the air on Sept. 11, 2001, and feared there was a bomb on her plane, she has been fully supportive of stringent security: “If that’s what you have to do to keep us safe, that’s what you have to do.”

Some protesters showed up, including one man seen walking around the Salt Lake City airport in a skimpy, Speedo-style bathing suit. At other airports, they carried signs denouncing the Transportation Security Administration’s screening methods as unnecessarily intrusive and embarrassing.

By most accounts, though, the lines moved smoothly, and there was no more or less congestion at major U.S. airports than in previous years on the day before Thanksgiving. □

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## New CEO for Aruba Tourism Authority

ORANJESTAD - Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croeswill has been appointed as Aruba Tourism Authority's very first chief executive officer. As of January 2011, Aruba Tourism Authority becomes privatised and will operate as an independent organisation, free of government bureaucracy and with access to independent marketing funds.

Having worked with the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association in the past, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croeswill joins the Aruba Tourism Authority from Tourism Corporation Bonaire, where she developed a global branding strategy, improving airlift to the island from key international markets, achieving a record number of inbound arrivals with 17 per cent growth and increasing cruise tourism arrivals from 50,000 to 250,000 annually. The Aruba Tourism Authority is responsible for developing and effectively executing the marketing of Aruba internationally in order to increase the volume of revenues derived from tourism and to stimulate economic activity on the island.

Aruba has established itself as one of the top 10 destinations in the Caribbean for the British market, which is now second only to The Netherlands in generating visitors to the island among its European markets. Year-on-year visitor numbers from the UK to Aruba increased 19.5 per cent in the first nine months of 2010 and are expected to surpass the 15,000 mark by the end of the year. The Aruba Tourism Authority recently unveiled a brand new colourful logo for the destination, as a result of a rebranding campaign. This also included the adoption of the tagline 'One Happy Island', which until now was only used in Europe, across all Aruba's markets, making it the island's official tourism strapline. □

# PwC Junior Tennis Cup 2010 is a total success!



ROOI SANTO – This past weekend the PwC Junior Tennis Cup took over the Aruba Racquet Club, offering a spirited and fun tennis tournament for children of all ages. For eight years now the PwC Junior Tennis Cup has been held on the island, each time becoming a bigger and bigger event.

This year the competition featured almost 130 kids, competing in several categories. Also participating in the tournament were 13 members of FICAP, a foundation for children with special needs. These 13 athletes participated in doubles games side by side with the other tournament participants. One of the highlights of the weekend, the Mini Tennis, took place on

Sunday morning, at 11 a.m.

There were many interesting games and the bleachers were filled with sports and tennis enthusiasts. While it turned out to be quite a rainy weekend, the showers didn't stop the tournament from being completed.

One of the main goals of the tournament's sponsor, PwC, is to provide a sporting event for children, and help them develop their physical health. Photos show the participants and fans enjoying the PwC Junior Tennis Cup 2010.

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# PwC Junior Tennis Cup 2010 is a total success!



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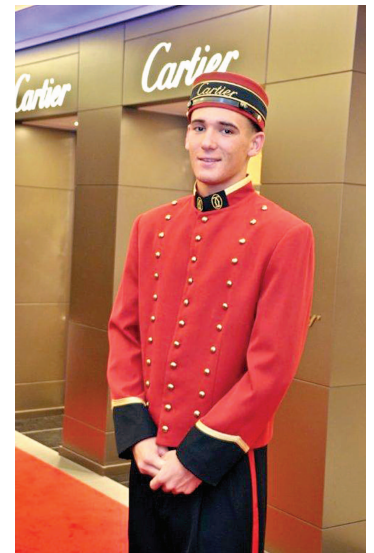
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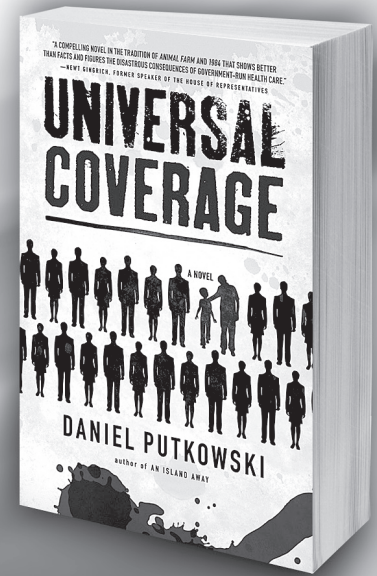
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# Election flap heats up in Afghanistan

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— The Afghan attorney general's office on Thursday announced four arrests in its investigation of fraud during the controversial September parliamentary election — a move some Western officials fear is part of efforts by the political elite to overturn the results of certain races.

The arrests are the latest development in the Sept. 18 ballot that was plagued by irregularities and voter intimidation. Election officials discarded 1.3 million ballots — nearly a quarter of the total — for fraud and disqualified 19 winning candidates for cheating.

Deputy Attorney General Rahmatullah Nazari told reporters that two employees of Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission and two people working in the money transfer business had been arrested and that an arrest warrant had been issued for a

third commission employee.

The election flap, heating up just ahead of President Barack Obama's December Afghan review, comes at a time when NATO and its allies need President Hamid Karzai's government to be seen as a strong partner in the war.

The international community views the election as a test of his commitment to reforming his corruption-ridden government since he was re-elected last year in a vote that was itself heavily tainted by fraud. The allegations last year nearly undermined the legitimacy of Karzai's government and pushed some NATO countries to threaten to pull troops and aid.

Election officials announced final vote totals on Wednesday for 33 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces. About 2,500 candidates ran for 249 seats in the lower house of the Afghan legislature, leaving hundreds of losers. Many have staged demonstrations across the country, claiming they were



**Afghan President Hamid Karzai, during a speech about women's rights, in Kabul, Afghanistan on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010. President Hamid Karzai said he was happy the results from the Sept. 18 elections were being announced, and called on losing candidates not to take their complaints to the streets but instead to those empowered to deal with them.**

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victims of phony vote tallies. Releasing the final results now irked Attorney General Mohammad Ishaq Alako, who claimed election officials should have waited until prosecutors finished investigating criminal allegations of ballot manipulation.

Alako claimed earlier this week that money from well-connected Afghans, many of whom bank their riches in Dubai, heavily influenced the election results.

Once the investigation is completed — hopefully within a month — the results will be handed to the Supreme Court, according to Nazari. A Western diplomatic official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the delicate political issue, said the Supreme Court had the authority to issue rulings that could change the outcome of certain races.

The prospect of the Supreme Court hearing election cases has raised speculation among Western diplomats who allege that Karzai or his advisers are behind the attorney general's investigation and would pressure the Supreme Court to rule in favor of candidates backed by the palace.

Other Western officials maintain that while the Afghan prosecutor was being pressured by hundreds of people unhappy with the election results, they had seen

no evidence that Karzai was employing this strategy.

The deputy attorney general denied that Karzai was behind the election investigation. He said the attorney general's office operated independently and was obligated to investigate election-related crime.

"We will just investigate the crimes," Nazari said. "The decision belongs to the Supreme Court." However, Candace Rondeaux, senior analyst in Kabul for the International Crisis Group, noted that the attorney general had intervened on Karzai's behalf in the past. The group is an independent, nonprofit organization that works to prevent and resolve deadly conflict.

"This is not the first time that we have seen Karzai use the Supreme Court as his bully pulpit and the attorney general as his whipping boy," Rondeaux said in an interview. "This is a very serious crisis we are entering because there is no way that members of parliament who are contesting this election will sit still for this kind of abuse of power. We have seen demonstrations across the country. The game is not over yet."

In a statement, Karzai urged losing candidates not to resort to violent protests, but to submit their complaints to the appropriate authorities so that they can be properly

investigated. The brief statement also said that the president was respecting the constitution and "will act accordingly."

Election commission spokesman Noor Mohammad Noor declined to comment on the arrests, saying the commission did not know which of its more than 85,000 employees had been arrested. Nazari told reporters at the attorney general's office that prosecutors were investigating at least five cases of election bribery involving sums ranging from \$80,000 and \$220,000.

"One important person who has a role in this case has not yet been arrested," he said. "The person not yet arrested is an IEC employee — high-ranking — one who is making decisions."

Nazari also displayed papers naming candidates and people in the money transfer business, which he said proved that bribes were involved.

He declined to name those arrested.

Dan McNorton, a U.N. spokesman in Kabul, said he was aware of reports that a U.N.-affiliated election worker had been targeted in the attorney general's case. He said he was looking into the matter.

Final results have not yet been released for Ghazni province in the east where a myriad of problems clouded the ballot. □

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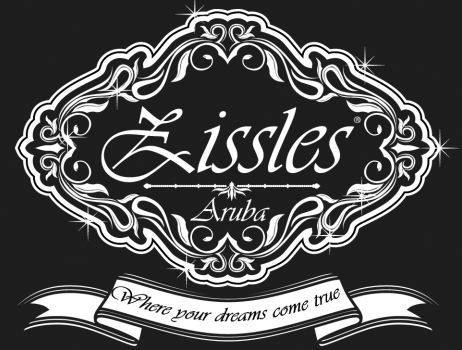


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## Epic battle over, Iraq PM must form new govt.

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Incumbent Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki cemented his grip on power Thursday, bringing an end to nearly nine months of political deadlock after he was asked to form the next government.

He now faces the daunting task of bringing together Iraq's Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish factions in a government that can overcome enduring tensions as the country struggles to develop its economy and prevent a resurgence of violence as the last American troops are due to leave by the end of next year.

The long-awaited request from President Jalal Talabani sets in motion a 30-day timeline during which al-Maliki must pick his Cabinet. Al-Maliki, a steely politician known more for his ability to alienate than unify, said he was aware of the challenges ahead.

"I call upon the great Iraqi people from all sects, religions and ethnicities and I call upon my brothers the politicians to work to overcome all differences," the prime minister designate said during the ceremony at the president's palace.

The new government is expected to include all the major factions, including the Kurds, Shiite political parties aligned with Iran and a Sunni-backed bloc that believes it should have been the one leading the next government. In many ways it is likely to be similar to the previous

government. The presidency again will be held by the Kurds, the parliament speaker by the Sunnis and the prime minister's office went to the country's dominant sect, the Shiites. The breakdown is a reflection of the sectarian interests that still divide this country, seven years after the U.S.-led invasion.

Al-Maliki will have to find other substantial roles for all of those factions or risk having them leave his government, a destabilizing blow for a country struggling to overcome years of violence and economic sanctions.

The president's request Thursday was largely a formality following Talabani's re-election on Nov. 11. Talabani, a Kurd, then had 15 days in which to formally extend the offer and start the 30-day clock. The announcement underscores what has been a stunning comeback for al-Maliki, whose State of Law coalition came in a close second in the March 7 election to the Sunni-backed bloc led by former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. But neither bloc gained the 163-seat majority necessary to govern, leading to an intensive period of political jockeying. Al-Maliki, 60, then mended rifts with his hard-line Shiite rivals to consolidate his power base.

A key question will be who gets to control the security ministries — interior and defense. Haider al-Abadi, a Shiite lawmaker and an al-Maliki ally, said those posts were expected to go to independent politicians not

affiliated with any of the main political blocs. Such a move would avoid any risk of using the powerful ministries to settle feuds.

The Kurds, meanwhile are pushing to hold onto the foreign ministry, while Allawi's Sunni-backed Iraqiya list has demanded the oil ministry.

Finding a role for Iraqiya is an important challenge. Sunni discontent with the Shiite domination that arose from the American overthrow of Saddam Hussein was a key reason for the bloody insurgency that just a few years ago resulted in hundreds of people dead each day.

Violence has sharply declined but attacks continue. A bomb went off in a pet store Thursday in the northern city of Tal Afar, killing at least three people and wounding 16, police and hospital officials said.

Allawi, who did not attend the meeting, was expected to be named the head of a council that would have ambiguous powers over major government decisions, according to a power-sharing deal that paved the way for al-Maliki to keep his job.

The post was pushed by the U.S. Embassy as a way to include Allawi, and address one of Iraqiya's demands that there be a check on what they describe as al-Maliki's increasingly autocratic and insular government. But already al-Maliki and Allawi supporters have voiced conflicting opinions over just how much power the council will have. "The battle hasn't ended," said Iraqiya



In this photo released by the Iraqi Government, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, center right, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, center left, are seen during a ceremony of asking al-Maliki to form the next government in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010.

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lawmaker, Alaa Makki. Al-Maliki will also have to weigh what role to give to followers of anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose support proved vital in his bid to stay in office.

The Sadrist's anti-American

stance, ties to Iran and their disturbing history as one of the major players in the country's sectarian violence will make any Cabinet appointments a sensitive issue. But they are expected to demand a reward. □

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South Korean Defense Minister Kim Tae-young, left, consoles the families of the victims of North Korea's artillery attack at a military hospital in Seongnam, South Korea, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010. Kim resigned Thursday, two days after an artillery attack by North Korea killed four people on a small island near their disputed frontier.

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YEONPYEONG ISLAND, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's president ordered more troops to a front-line island and dumped his defense minister Thursday as the country grappled with lapses in its response to a deadly North Korean artillery strike.

In scenes reminiscent of the Korean War 60 years ago, dazed residents of Yeonpyeong island foraged through blackened rubble for pieces of their lives and lugged their possessions down eerily deserted streets strewn with bent metal after Tuesday's hail of artillery. The barrage darkened skies, set off fierce blazes, killed four South Koreans and raised fears of an escalation that could lead to full-scale war.

"It was a sea of fire," resident Lee In-ku said, recalling the flames that rolled through the streets of this island that is home to military bases as well as a fishing community famous for its catches of crab. The spit of land is just seven miles (11 kilometers) from North Korea, but had only six pieces of artillery.

Despite warnings from North Korea that any new provocation would be met with more attacks, Washington and Seoul pushed ahead with plans for military drills starting Sunday involving a nuclear-powered U.S. aircraft carrier in waters south of this week's skirmish. The exercises will likely anger the North — the regime cited South Korean drills this week as the impetus behind its attack — but the president said the South could little afford to abandon such preparation now.

"We should not ease our sense of crisis in preparation for the possibility of another provocation by North Korea," spokesman Hong Sang-pyo quoted President Lee Myung-bak as saying. "A provocation like this can recur any time."

Washington and Seoul also ratcheted up pressure on China, North Korea's main ally and biggest benefactor, to restrain Pyongyang. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao responded by calling on all sides to show "maximum restraint" and pushed again to restart the six-nation talks aimed at persuading North Korea to dismantle its nuclear programs in exchange for aid. Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, meanwhile, canceled a trip to Seoul this week.

The heightened inter-Korean animosity is

taking place as North Korea undergoes a delicate transition of power from leader Kim Jong Il to his son Kim Jong Un, who is in his late 20s and is expected to eventually succeed his ailing father.

On Thursday, Lee accepted his defense minister's offer to resign after lawmakers lashed out at the government, claiming officials were unprepared for Tuesday's attack and that the military response was too slow. Even those in Lee's ruling party demanded the dismissal of Defense Minister Kim Tae-young.

At an emergency meeting in Seoul, Lee ordered reinforcements for about 4,000 troops on tense Yellow Sea islands, top-level weaponry and upgraded rules of engagement that would create a new category of response when civilian areas are targeted.

Skirmishes between the Korean militaries are not uncommon, but North Korea's heavy bombardment of Yeonpyeong Island was the first naval skirmish since the Korean War to kill civilians.

South Korean troops returned fire and scrambled fighter jets in response, but two South Korean marines and two construction workers were killed and at least 18 others wounded. South Korea has said casualties on the North Korean side were likely significant, but none were immediately reported by the secretive regime.

Marine Lt. Col. Joo Jong-wha acknowledged that the island is acutely short of artillery, saying it has only six pieces: the howitzers used in Tuesday's skirmish.

"In artillery, you're supposed to move on after firing to mask your location so that they don't strike right back at you," he told reporters. "But we have too few artillery."

On the streets Yeonpyeong, some spoke of walls of flame, surreal images of blackened skies, massive dust clouds, orange-colored lightning.

"My town was almost burned out," said Noh Myung-san, 56, who was planting trees near a mountain when he heard artillery explosions. "I thought it was an earthquake."

Islanders walked gingerly over potholes and past electric poles pockmarked by artillery shells. Blackened beer bottles lay outside what's left of a supermarket. Coast guard officers patrolled the streets in pairs, passing deserted restaurants, offices and schools. □



# Rio police targeting slum where gang based

JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Elite police units in borrowed navy tanks rumbled through a heavily fortified slum Thursday in an effort to apprehend drug gang leaders they blame for five days of widespread violence even as scores of armed youth fled the shantytown for a neighboring area.

Authorities say the gangs have erected roadblocks on major highways to rob motorists en masse, torched more than 40 cars and buses, and shot up police outposts — all to protest against a security program that has been pushing them from slums where they've held sway for decades.

The officers arrived under the cover of police helicopters and amid the constant rattle of high-caliber gunfire despite the gang members' efforts to block access with burning vehicles.

But scores of gangsters were seen fleeing down jungle-covered hills, across an area known as "the green hell," to a neighboring gang stronghold, the Alemao slum.

A member of the elite BOPE

police unit who would only give his last name, Malta, waited for his turn to go into the slum, passing the time eating salted peanuts and drinking Coke.

"The idea is to go in and take control," said Malta, assault rifle strapped across his chest, his face smudged with black camouflage paint. "We can't live like this, with these people threatening our families. It's zero tolerance now."

Since Monday, at least 23 people have died, many believed to be suspected drug gang members, and more than 150 suspects arrested in police raids at nearly 30 shantytowns in the northern and western parts of Rio.

Authorities also have established 13 permanent police posts in the slums as part of their efforts to clean up the seaside city before it hosts the World Cup football final in 2014 and the 2016 Olympics.

Police have not released the identities of all those killed, but spokesman Henrique de Lima Castro Saraiva did acknowledge Wednesday that "bystanders would be affected" by the battles.

Cristiani Miguel de Santos



Policemen run for cover from shooting as another one aims his weapon during an operation against drug traffickers in Vila Cruzeiro slum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday Nov. 25, 2010. Police in Rio entered a heavily fortified slum Thursday in an effort to apprehend drug gang leaders they blame for days of widespread violence in the city.

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stood outside a hospital near the slum, having just dropped off a 24-year-old family member whose name she gave only as Bruno. He was shot in the arm by a stray bullet. Overwhelmed, she could barely muster words to describe her emotions, but said she was very worried

about the fighting, and that "the community where we live is no good anymore."

Rio state Public Safety Director Jose Beltrame told CBN radio that the military carriers were only the "first dose" of support that Brazil's military would lend to Rio's police force. He did not elaborate on future

plans, saying he didn't want to put his men or citizens at risk. "The navy is setting an example for the country," Beltrame said. "(The navy) has the equipment, but it's often unused. Why would (police) wait a year to get the equipment if the government already has it?" □



In this Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010 file photo, a Nigerian soldier, right, gestures as he and others show journalist arms, in Lagos, Nigeria. Nigerian intelligence officials and diplomats have concluded that the Iranian government was behind a secret shipment of weapons discovered last month in shipping containers, according to internal documents seen Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010 by The Associated Press.

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ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — A Nigerian court charged an Iranian and three Nigerians for arms trafficking in connection to an arms

shipment officials seized last month at Nigeria's busiest port.

The Magistrate Court in Abuja said Thursday

it had charged Iranian national Azeem Aghajani for attempting to import prohibited arms into Nigeria with the intent of sending

## Nigeria charges Iranian, 3 others in arms seizure

them to nearby Gambia.

The court also charged three Nigerians, Ali Usman Abass Jega, Aliu Oroji Wamakko and Mohammed Tukur in connection to the seizure.

Aghajani said he needed his embassy to represent him before he could present his plea. The three Nigerians pleaded not guilty, but only one of them was represented in court.

The Nigerian's lawyer argued for bail, but the prosecutor contested the request.

"This is a matter of great national importance, and if I may add, it has international implications," said prosecutor Matthew Idakwo. "These arms were imported from Iran to

our country. It is of great interest to the world. In fact, the United Nations has interest in this matter."

Nigeria reported Iran to the United Nations after Nigerian security officials in October seized a hidden shipment of military-grade arms that originated in Iran and passed through Nigeria's busiest port in Lagos.

Artillery rockets and other weapons, loaded in 13 shipping containers that were labeled as building supplies, were seized Oct. 26.

Magistrate Judge Hafsat Soso said the four men would remain in the custody of Nigeria's State Security Service as investigations continued. □



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### COWBOYS' BEUHLER'S KICK OFF



New Orleans Saints defensive end Alex Brown (96) celebrates a missed field goal by Dallas Cowboys placekicker David Buehler (18) in the final minute of an NFL football game in Arlington, Texas, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010. The Saints won 30-27.

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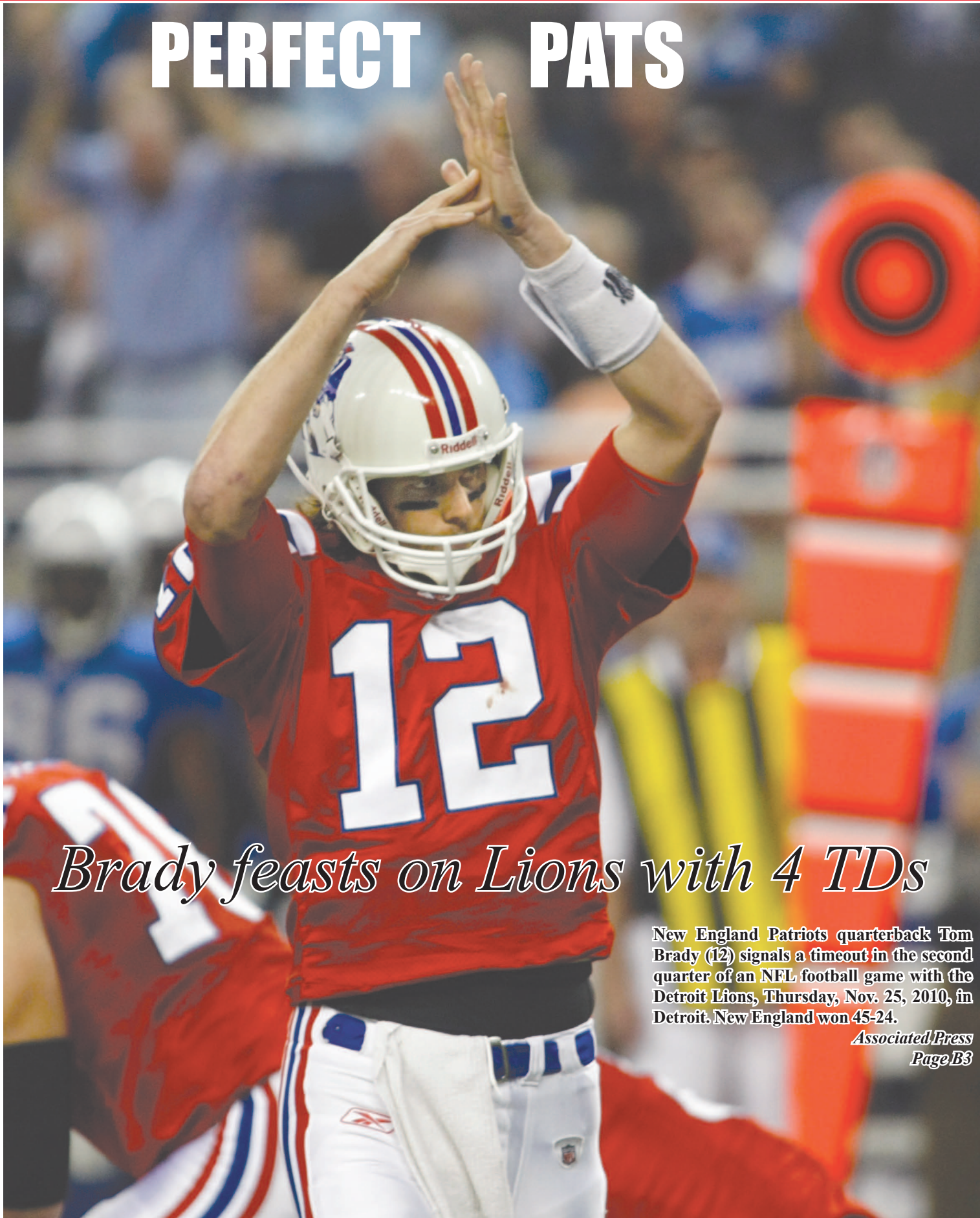
### Canadiens win 4-1 to deepen Kings' woes

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Canadiens beat Los Angeles 4-1 on Wednesday to continue the Kings' disappointing slide after a strong start to the NHL season. Andrei Kostitsyn had a goal and an assist, while Lars Eller scored his first goal in 21 games with Montreal late in the second to put the Canadiens up by three. Michael Cammalleri and Tomas Plekanec also scored for the Habs.

Carey Price made 24 saves. Price, the starter in all but one of Montreal's 22 games, has 13 wins to match his total from last season.

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## PERFECT PATS



### Brady feasts on Lions with 4 TDs

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) signals a timeout in the second quarter of an NFL football game with the Detroit Lions, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, in Detroit. New England won 45-24.

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### Serena withdraws from Australian Open

In this July 1, 2010, file photo, Serena Williams of the United States, hits a return to Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon. In a statement e-mailed to the AP by her agent, the younger Williams says Tuesday she "re-tore the tendon" in her right foot, which she originally injured by cutting it on glass at a restaurant shortly after winning Wimbledon in July. Williams says she had "another procedure to repair" the tendon on Monday.

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# Brees, Saints rally to beat Cowboys in thriller



New Orleans Saints wide receiver Lance Moore (16) celebrates scoring the game winning touchdown with teammates Jonathan Goodwin, left, and Jermon Bushrod during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, in Arlington, Texas. The Saints won 30-27.

*Associated Press*

By **JAIME ARON**  
AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Drew Brees was a young Dallas Cowboys fan cheering on Jason Garrett during his amazing comeback victory on Thanksgiving 1994. With Garrett and the Cowboys on the verge of another holiday stunner, Brees and the New Orleans Saints snatched it away.

Brees and the Saints blew

a 17-point lead, but went back ahead with 1:55 left on a quick, long drive and held on for a 30-27 victory when the Cowboys' David Buehler narrowly missed a 59-yard field goal.

New Orleans coach Sean Payton appeared to try calling timeout as the ball was snapped, which would've given Dallas another chance. But the officials didn't give it to him, so the play stood.

The Saints, playing on the holiday for the first time, won their fourth straight and fifth in six games to improve to 8-3. The Cowboys (3-8) lost for the first time in three games since Garrett became interim coach.

Sixteen years ago, Garrett was a third-string quarterback making a rare start in place of Troy Aikman when the Cowboys fell behind Brett Favre and the Packers 17-3. Garrett rallied them a 42-31 victory that's among the most stirring in team lore.

This one would've been darn good, too.

Dallas trailed 17-0 after the first three times New Orleans had the ball. The Saints also were up 20-3 just before halftime.

Then, Buehler made a career-best 53-yarder as the second quarter ended — and the rally was on. Dallas scored on four straight possessions to get close, then went ahead 27-23 on Tashard Choice's 1-yard touchdown run with 5:51 left.

The Cowboys were on their way to stretching the lead when Roy Williams broke free with a catch and raced 47 yards

toward the end zone, following a block by Miles Austin. Safety Malcolm Jenkins raced over and stripped the ball at the 11, and Brees took it from there. On the winning drive, he hit Robert Meachem for 55 yards and Lance Moore on a 12-yard touchdown strike.

Both teams might need the 10-day layoff to get over the emotional hangover from this wild, wacky, thriller.

The game was filled with would-be heroes like Miles Austin, who kick-started Dallas' rally by taking an end around 60 yards for a touchdown on the second play of the second half, and would-be goats like Reggie Bush, who had a forgettable return from an eight-game layoff because of a broken foot. He dropped a likely touchdown pass with the Saints up 20-13, then fumbled on a punt return to set up the Cowboys' touchdown that made it 23-20. Brees finished 23 of 39 for 352 yards with a touchdown and an interception. That was another play that would've been a bigger deal had the outcome been reversed — it bounced off the hands of tight

end Jimmy Graham and into the hands of Dallas safety Gerald Sensabaugh, leading to Choice's go-ahead score.

The Saints opened the game so crisply, they looked capable of returning to Cowboys Stadium for that informal national holiday in February, the Super Bowl. Brees marched them 80 yards in four plays on the opening drive, never even seeing a second down. They intercepted a screen pass and Garrett Hartley kicked a career-best 50-yard field goal, then Brees drove for another touchdown and the 17-0 lead. Marques Colston finished with six catches for 105 yards for New Orleans, and Devery Henderson had 97 yards receiving. Former Cowboys starter Julius Jones ran for 45 yards for the Saints, and Chris Ivory ran for 38 yards and two touchdowns.

Cowboys quarterback Jon Kitna was 30 of 42 for 313 yards, and Jason Witten had 10 catches for 99 yards.

Dallas got rushing touchdowns from Austin, Choice and Marion Barber. The club had just two rushing touchdowns all season coming in. □

## Relax, Alabama: The heat's all on No. 2 Auburn

By **JOHN ZENOR**  
AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — No. 9 Alabama can just relax and play ball.

No national championship shot potentially hangs in the balance, no Heisman Trophy chances are on the line. It's No. 2 Auburn's turn to feel the heat in Friday's Iron Bowl.

"Those guys are undefeated and going to the SEC championship game," Crimson Tide tailback Mark Ingram said. "If they win out, they're going to play for the national championship. All the pressure is on them. It's like reversed roles."

Alabama (9-2, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) entered the last two meetings unbeaten and in national championship contention, winning both times. Now, Cam Newton and the Tigers (11-0, 7-0) are the surprising SEC West champions and two wins from playing for it all.

And once again, this feverishly intense, 365-day-a-year bragfest can captivate much of the college football nation — not just the state. For all its statewide glory, the Iron Bowl hasn't pitted two top 10 teams against each other since 1994.

For added measure, it also features last year's Heisman Trophy winner Ingram and this

season's leading contender in Newton, the electrifying Auburn quarterback who injects even more pizzazz into the rivalry.

He has spent the last three weeks under the spotlight for questions about his status amid allegations his father solicited a six-figure payday from Mississippi State when that school was recruiting Newton.

It hasn't kept him off the field, or slowed him down so far.

Assuming his status hasn't changed, that's one of those "external factors" Tide coach Nick Saban refers to as potential distractions. Opposing defenses still haven't been able to stop the 6-foot-6, 250-pounder, who has been lethal both passing and running, juking and bulldozing defenders.

"Every little crease you give him, he will take it," Tide defensive end Marcell Dareus said. "He has deceptive speed where he can just get out and then get away from people. He has some moves that he can get away. We are just going to have to try our best to contain him. It's hard to just stop Cam."

The Cam factor is only one reason this has been one of the more anticipated Iron Bowls in recent memory. It might have featured two national title hopefuls, but Alabama fell at No. 6 LSU three weeks ago. □

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## NFL Roundup

## Brady's 4 TDs lift Patriots to 45-24 win

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Tom Brady's perfect game was much too much for the Detroit Lions. Brady threw a season-high four touchdown passes, all in the second half, and the New England Patriots routed Detroit 45-24 on Thursday.

He was 21 of 27 for 341 yards — just short of season high — with no interceptions, giving him a perfect quarterback rating of 158.3. Brady became the first to have a perfect passer rating this season with a minimum of five attempts, according to STATS, LLC. It was Brady's second perfect QB rating. His first was Oct. 21, 2007, when he threw a career-high six TDs in a win over the Miami Dolphins.

Brady threw a go-ahead touchdown to Deion Branch early in the fourth quarter after connecting with him on a 79-yard pass to tie the game at 24-all. Wes Welker's second TD reception sealed the victory with 6:42 left, putting the Patriots ahead 38-24.

The Patriots (9-2) moved a half-game ahead of the AFC East rival New York Jets for

the NFL's best record after trailing by 11 points late in the first half.

Detroit (2-9) ended up not being more competitive than it had been in its previous six showcase games — losing those by an average of 23.2 points.

BenJarvus Green-Ellis ran for two TDs, the second capping the scoring with 3:14 left that led to several pushing and shoving matches with the frustrated Lions.

Shaun Hill was 26 of 46 for 285 yards with one TD — a score to Calvin Johnson at the end of the first quarter that put the Lions up 7-3 — and two interceptions to rookie cornerback Devin McCourty.

Maurice Morris ran for two TDs, matching his total in two seasons in Detroit. Morris' first score put Detroit ahead 14-3 with 5:58 left in the first half.

Green-Ellis' 15-yard TD pulled the Patriots within four with 45 seconds left in the second quarter, then they allowed Detroit to drive for a lead-padding field goal to end the first half.

The Lions looked like they finally might put



New England Patriots wide receiver Deion Branch (84) is congratulated after his 22-yard touchdown during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, at Ford Field in Detroit.

together a good showing on Thanksgiving day, forcing New England to punt on its first drive of the second half.

But Detroit began to fall apart when Hill underthrew Johnson on the ensuing possession and McCourty picked off the pass and returned it 23 yards to set up Brady's game-tying pass to Welker.

Morris put the Lions ahead again midway through the third quarter, but the lead didn't last long.

Brady found Branch, who was wide open, and he ran circles around Alphonso Smith on a 79-yard score that was his longest pass of the year 22 seconds later.

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Branch beat Smith on his next TD with 13:45 left in the first half, sending the cornerback to the bench in a move that was made much too late to help the Lions. □

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**Montreal Canadiens' Scott Gomez, right, scores on Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Bernier during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Montreal, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010.**

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### NHL ROUNDUP

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Alec Martinez scored his first NHL goal in his season debut for Los Angeles, which has lost five of six.

Flyers 6, Wild 1

In St. Paul, Minnesota, Danny Briere, Ville Leino and Andreas Nodl each had a goal and an assist as Philadelphia routed Minnesota.

James van Riemsdyk, Jeff Carter and Jody Shelley also scored for Philadelphia, 12-2-1 in its past 15 games. The Flyers, tied with Washington atop the NHL standings with 32 points, entered with a league-best 3.5 goals per game. They have scored 39 in the past eight games.

Patrick O'Sullivan had the lone goal for Minnesota.

#### Lightning 5, Rangers 3

In Tampa, Florida, Steven Stamkos scored his NHL-

leading 21st goal and had two assists, as Tampa Bay stretched its winning streak to five by beating New York.

Stamkos also has 17 assists for a league-leading 38 points in 22 games. The center has had a point in all but three games. Ryan Malone added two goals for the Lightning. He entered with just three goals in 33 previous games against the Rangers.

New York got third-period goals from Steve Eminger, Brian Boyle and Derek Stepan after falling behind 5-0. The Rangers went more than 15 minutes without a shot from late in the first period, and were outshot 25-7 through 40 minutes.

#### Capitals 3, Hurricanes 2

In Raleigh, North Carolina, Brooks Laich scored a power-play goal on a deflection with 7:58 left as Washington

snapped a three-game losing streak by beating Carolina.

Nicklas Backstrom scored two goals for the Southeast Division-leading Capitals, who blew a 2-0 lead in the third period before recovering. Sergei Samsonov and Eric Staal scored 4:01 apart in the third period to pull the Hurricanes even at 2-2.

#### Thrashers 5, Red Wings 1

In Atlanta, Andrew Ladd scored a short-handed goal to help Atlanta win its third straight game and beat Detroit. Defenseman Dustin Byfuglien added a power-play tally while Anthony Stewart, Chris Thorburn and Bryan Little also scored for Atlanta.

Todd Bertuzzi scored for the Western Conference-leading Red Wings.

#### Canucks 4, Avalanche 2

In Vancouver, Ryan Kesler's disputed goal 3:52 into the third period stood up as the game winner as Vancouver topped Colorado.

Alex Burrows added an insurance goal with 6:53 left, and Kevin Bieksa and Daniel Sedin also scored as the Canucks snapped a four-game losing streak to move into a tie with Colorado atop the Northwest Division.

Matt Duchene scored, and defenseman John-Michael Liles had a goal and an assist for the Avalanche, who lost for the first time in five games.

#### Blues 2, Predators 1, SO

In Nashville, Andy McDonald scored 9 seconds into the game and in the fifth round of the shootout to send St. Louis over Nashville.

After losing five straight, the

Blues have won three in a row. Jerred Smithson drew the Predators into a 1-1 tie 22 seconds into the second period.

No one scored in the first four rounds of the shootout.

In the fifth round, McDonald slipped a backhand through the pads of Pekka Rinne. Sergei Kostitsyn was Nashville's fifth shooter, but his wrist shot hit the post, giving the Blues the win.

St. Louis finished with just 15 shots through overtime.

#### Sharks 5, Blackhawks 2

In San Jose, Antti Niemi made 30 saves in his first game against Chicago since leading the team to the Stanley Cup championship last season and helped San Jose snap a three-game losing streak.

Patrick Marleau scored twice and Dany Heatley, Joe Pavelski and Jamal Mayers added goals to help the Sharks gain a small measure of revenge after being swept out of the Western Conference finals by Niemi and the Blackhawks six months ago.

Jack Dowell and Patrick Shark had goals for Chicago.

#### Penguins 1, Sabres 0

In Buffalo, Marc-Andre Fleury made 30 saves to give Pittsburgh victory over Buffalo.

Fleury recorded his 17th NHL shutout and first of the season. Five have been 1-0 victories. Pascal Dupuis scored a one-timer in the first period for the sole goal.

Pittsburgh has won four straight and has earned at least one point in seven consecutive contests.

#### Stars 2, Senators 1

In Ottawa, Brenden Morrow scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period as Dallas edged Ottawa.

Andrew Raycroft made 18 saves, while Trevor Daley also scored to help Dallas snap a four-game road losing streak. Ryan Shannon scored for Ottawa.

#### Bruins 3, Panthers 1

In Sunrise, Florida, Mark Recchi scored two third-period goals to become the 13th NHL player to reach 1,500 career points and helped Boston rally past Florida.

Brad Marchand scored a short-handed goal for the Bruins.

Steve Reinprecht scored for Florida, which lost for the first time in nine games in which it led after two periods.

In Uniondale, New York, Columbus continued its strong form and condemned New York to its 14th straight loss.

Jakub Voracek scored a rebound goal in overtime, while Antoine Vermette, Chris Clark and R.J. Umberger also scored for Columbus, which has won five straight. It is the Blue Jackets' best run since a five-game streak in 2006-07.

**In other NHL games it was New Jersey 2, Calgary 1, SO; St. Louis 2, Nashville 1, SO; Pittsburgh 1, Buffalo 0; Columbus 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT; Washington 3, Carolina 2; Atlanta 5, Detroit 1; Montreal 4, Los Angeles 1; Dallas 2, Ottawa 1; Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Rangers 3; Boston 3, Florida 1; Philadelphia 6, Minnesota 1; Vancouver 4, Colorado 2; and San Jose 5, Chicago 2.** □

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## NBA Roundup

# Jazz beats Hornets 105-87

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Deron Williams had 26 points and 11 assists while Al Jefferson and Paul Millsap provided big late plays as the Utah Jazz beat the New Orleans Hornets 105-87 in the NBA on Wednesday. The Hornets won 11 of their first 12 games but have now dropped successive games to be 11-3.

Williams had eight assists in the first quarter, and 14 points by halftime. Jefferson then scored 10 fourth-quarter points as the Jazz turned a five-point game into an easy victory.

Jefferson finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds, while Millsap added 17 points and seven boards.

**Mavericks 111, Thunder 103**  
In Oklahoma City, Dirk Nowitzki scored 34 points as Dallas charged past Oklahoma City in the fourth quarter.

Nowitzki and Jason Terry teamed to score 10 straight points in a 57-second span to put Dallas up for good midway through the final period, and the Mavericks sealed it with a 12-0 run.

Dallas' Tyson Chandler had season highs with 17 points and 18 rebounds.

Kevin Durant led Oklahoma City with 32 points but was held in check in the fourth. The Thunder had a five-game winning streak snapped.

**Magic 104, Heat 95**

In Orlando, Florida, Orlando handed star-studded Miami its first three-game losing skid of the season.

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 18 rebounds and J.J. Redick scored 20 points to help Orlando pull away and avenge a 26-point loss at Miami earlier this season.

LeBron James had 25 points for Miami, which is looking a long way from the championship material many thought when it bought him and Chris Bosh to join Dwayne Wade.

**Spurs 113, Timberwolves 109, OT**

In Minneapolis, San Antonio came from 21 points down to beat Minnesota and post its

12th straight victory.

Manu Ginobili scored 14 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Spurs, while Richard Jefferson added 19 points.

Kevin Love had 32 points and 22 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who blew a fourth-quarter lead for the third time this season.

**Celtics 89, Nets 83**

In Boston, Shaquille O'Neal scored a season-high 25 points, even hitting four straight free throws in the fourth quarter as Boston came back to beat New Jersey.

O'Neal matched his season high with 11 rebounds for his second straight double-double. He went 9 for 10 from the floor and 7 for 13 from the line.

Paul Pierce scored 18 for the defending Eastern Conference champions.

Devin Harris scored 20 for the Nets, hitting back-to-back baskets in the final 2 minutes to help New Jersey cut the deficit to 82-78.

**Bulls 123, Suns 115, 2OT**

In Phoenix, road-weary Chicago rallied from a 23-point, second-quarter deficit to beat Phoenix.

Derrick Rose scored 35 points and hit numerous big shots, while Luol Deng contributed 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls.

Grant Hill led the Suns with

a season-high 27 points and Hakim Warrick had a season-high 23 points, all in the first half, including 19 in the second quarter.

**Knicks 99, Bobcats 95**

In Charlotte, North Carolina, New York notched a fifth straight win by downing Charlotte.

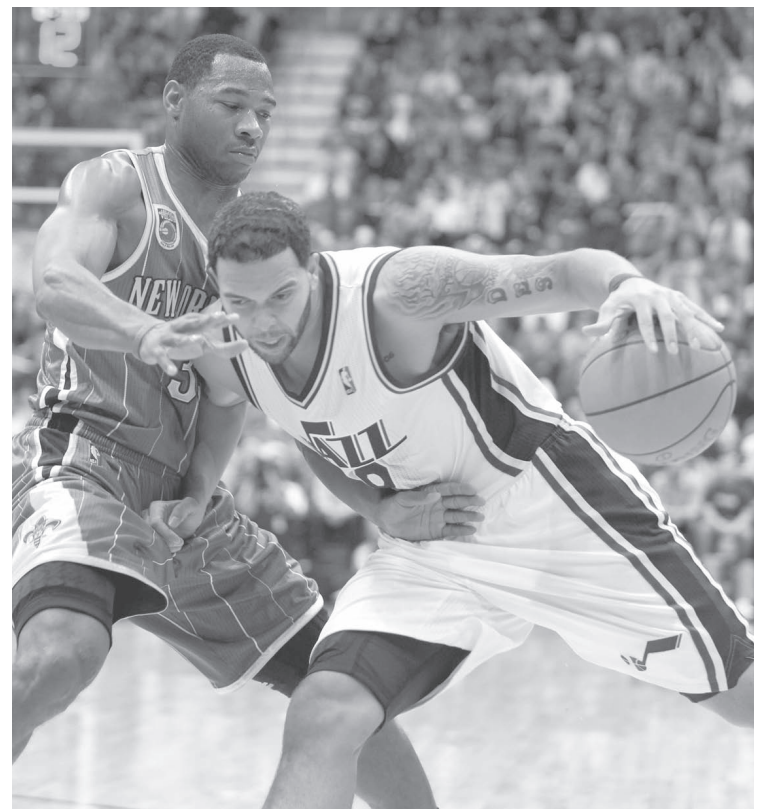
Raymond Felton had 23 points and 13 assists against his former team, while Amare Stoudemire added 20 points and six blocks for the Knicks. With New York leading by two, Felton ripped a rebound away from Tyrus Thomas. Danilo Gallinari then hit the clinching free throws with 5 seconds left for the Knicks, who reached .500 and secured their longest winning streak since the 2005-06 season.

Thomas had 26 points and 11 rebounds for Charlotte, which cut a 14-point deficit to one in the closing seconds. But Stephen Jackson's driving layup was blocked before Landry Fields hit one free throw with 10 seconds left.

**Cavaliers 83, Bucks 81**

In Cleveland, Mo Williams dropped a 15-foot jumper as time expired to lift Cleveland over Milwaukee, snapping a three-game losing skid.

Williams, who finished with 25 points, drove left before pulling up and hitting his step-back jumper as the horn sounded. Williams ran and



Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams, right, works to get past New Orleans Hornets guard Willie Green during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Salt Lake City, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010. The Jazz beat the Hornets 105-87.

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jumped up on the scorer's table to celebrate hitting a game-winning shot against his former team.

However, before it was official, the play had to be reviewed by the referees, who ruled Williams got the shot off in time.

Williams scored 21 points in the second half. Anthony Parker added 14 for Cleveland. Keyon Dooling scored 18 off the bench for the Bucks, who dropped their fourth straight. In Memphis, the home team used a third-quarter spurt to beat Detroit.

Memphis outscored the Pistons 33-18 in the third, then added 10 unanswered points to open the fourth, building

the advantage to 22.

Zach Randolph had 21 points and 14 rebounds while Rudy Gay added 17 points for Memphis, who beat Detroit at home for the first time in six attempts.

**In other NBA games it was New York 99, Charlotte 95; Cleveland 83, Milwaukee 81; Toronto 106, Philadelphia 90; Boston 89, New Jersey 83; Orlando 104, Miami 95; Memphis 105, Detroit 84; San Antonio 113, Minnesota 109, OT; Dallas 111, Oklahoma City 103; Houston 111, Golden State 101; Chicago 123, Phoenix 115, 2OT; and Utah 105, New Orleans 87.** □

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# Serena Williams withdraws from Australian Open



Tennis player Serena Williams, left, sits with Miami Heat forward Chris Bosh's fiancée Adrienne Williams, right, during an NBA basketball game between the Heat and Charlotte Bobcats in Miami, Friday, Nov. 19, 2010

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams has withdrawn from the Australian Open due to a foot injury and won't be defending her title at the first tennis Grand Slam of next season.

Tournament director Craig Tiley released a statement Thursday saying Williams had withdrawn from the Hopman Cup international mixed teams competition in Perth and the Australian Open in January.

It will be the second consecutive major Williams will miss, and the loss of 2,000 rankings points could cost the 29-year-old American her place in the top 10.

Williams has only played one exhibition match since winning at Wimbledon last year. She had surgery after cutting her foot on broken glass at a restaurant following her title at Wimbledon. She returned to practice in September but twice put off her comeback, missing the U.S. Open, the season-ending WTA tournament, the Fed Cup and a

handful of tour-level events.

She said she had more surgery last month and couldn't risk returning before the injury had properly healed.

"As I recently learned, pushing myself back into my intense training too early only caused me further injury and damage," Williams was quoted as saying. "While I desperately want to be back on the court and competing in the first Grand Slam tournament of the year, it is imperative for my health that I continue to work with my doctors to ensure my foot heals properly."

"This decision, though heavy on my heart, is the right one. I am praying for a healthy recovery and I promise my Aussie fans and my fans around the world that I will be back better than ever as soon as I can be."

Williams has won the Australian Open five times, including the past two and is a popular draw in Melbourne.

"Serena is a great champion and

we will miss her in January," Tiley said.

Sisters Serena and Venus Williams have been the dominant women in tennis for a decade, when fit. Serena has won at least one title from all four majors among her 13 Grand Slam singles crowns.

Williams finished No. 4 in the rankings in 2010 despite only playing six tournaments, including her wins at the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

She missed three months early in the season with a left knee injury, and hasn't played a tour tournament since Wimbledon. Despite that, she spent most of the year at No. 1 — taking her career tally to 123 weeks atop the women's rankings — until being replaced by Caroline Wozniacki on Oct. 11.

While recuperating, Serena Williams has spent time pursuing her wide-ranging business and fashion interests and work for her foundation, which is dedicated to educating children in Africa. □

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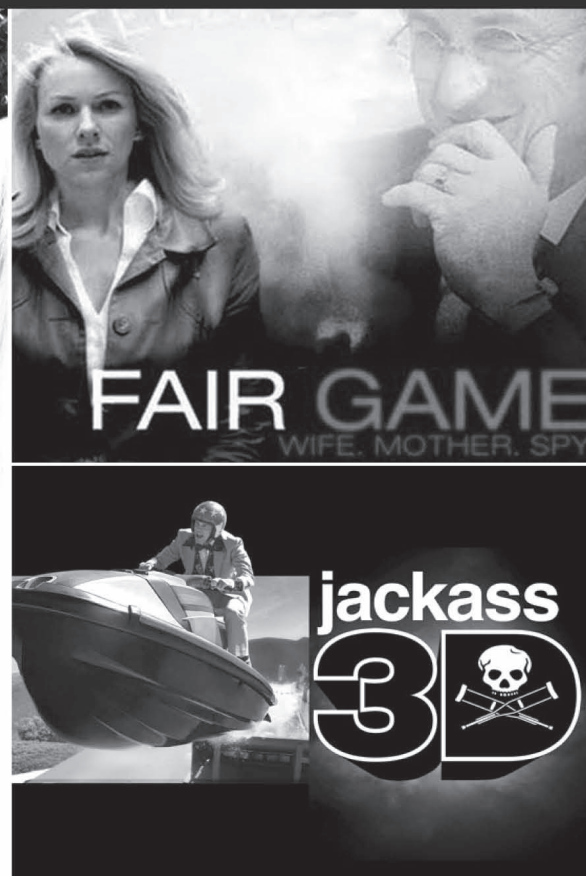
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# Murray, Federer advance to semis at ATP finals

MATTIAS KAREN

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Roger Federer and Andy Murray easily secured spots in the semifinals of the ATP World Tour Finals on Thursday with straight-sets victories in their last round-robin matches.

Federer continued his dominance over Robin Soderling, beating the Swede 7-6 (5) 6-3 to earn top spot in Group B of the season-ending tournament. Murray followed up by recovering from a shaky start to beat David Ferrer 6-2, 6-2 and hand the Spaniard his third straight loss in the group phase.

Their semifinal opponents will be decided Friday, when the last round-robin matches in Group A are played.

Federer won his third straight group match and improved his career record against Soderling to 15-1, with his only loss to the Swede coming in this year's French Open quarterfinals.

"(Soderling) always brings out something different every time he plays me, because he has to try different things," Federer said. "I was able to handle it well, which was a very happy feeling for me to have." Federer broke for a 5-3 lead in the second set, hitting a backhand passing



Switzerland's Roger Federer, left, reacts during a round robin singles tennis match against Sweden's Robin Soderling, and Britain's Andy Murray celebrates winning a point as he plays David Ferrer of Spain during their men's singles round robin match at the ATP World Tour Finals tennis tournament at the O2 Arena, in London, Thursday, Nov. 25 2010.

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shot that Soderling could only return into the net. The second-ranked Swiss then set up match point with a drop shot and converted it when Soderling hit his return into the net. The two traded breaks once in the first set before Federer took control of the tiebreaker by earning a mini-break with a forehand winner after a long rally, and followed it up with two straight aces for a 5-2 lead. He converted his second set point with a

lunging one-handed backhand that Soderling let sail past him thinking it would be long, only to see it land in the far corner of the court.

"At first I was pretty sure it was going out," Soderling said. "As soon as I let it go, I felt like this one is going much closer to the line than I expected. Of course, it went in. So, yeah, it was a little bit unlucky. But it's my fault." Federer said he hit the shot under pressure but called it a

"decent backhand."

"Unfortunate for him," Federer said. "But I should have maybe closed the set out earlier myself, too. But it would have been interesting to see what would have happened at 6-all, obviously."

Federer's victory meant Murray only had to win a set to clinch second place in the group. He took care of that in 31 minutes, recovering from going down 2-0 in the first set by playing nearly perfect

tennis in winning the next seven games to take control of the match.

His only stumble came after breaking Ferrer for the fourth straight time to go up 1-0 in the second set. He was broken at love in the next game, shanking a forehand so badly on break point that the ball hit one of the big video boards hanging over the court.

But Ferrer seemed unable to muster up much energy knowing that he had already been eliminated, and Murray broke twice more for a 5-2 lead. He sealed the victory with an easy forehand winner at the net on his first match point. The other group features Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Tomas Berdych and Andy Roddick, with all four still in contention for the semifinals ahead of the last round of matches on Friday.

In the doubles competition, top-ranked Bob and Mike Bryan of the United States reached the semifinals by beating Lukas Dlouhy of the Czech Republic and Leander Paes of India 6-3, 6-4. They were joined by Polish duo Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski, who won Group A after beating Jurgen Melzer of Austria and Philipp Petzschner of Germany 6-3, 7-6 (7). □



Swiss President of the Alinghi racing team, Ernesto Bertarelli, stands next to the America's Cup trophy, which has arrived at Valencia, Spain, Friday Jan. 28, 2010, ahead of the start of the competition. The 33rd America's Cup is scheduled to start Feb. 8.

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BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

Vanquished America's Cup champion Alinghi of Switzerland won't try to win back the oldest trophy in international sports in 2013.

Alinghi spokesman Paco

Latorre said Thursday that the Swiss syndicate will skip the 34th America's Cup, which will be sailed in either San Francisco or Italy, while focusing on a series raced in 40-foot catamarans.

"After a careful evaluation

## Swiss group Alinghi to sit out next America's Cup

of the protocol and other initiatives taken by the American Defender and its Challenger of Record, Alinghi considers that the existing conditions make it impossible for the team to participate in the 34th America's Cup," Latorre said in a statement.

Reached by phone, Latorre refused to elaborate.

"It's not for us to say that this is disappointing, good, bad, surprising or whatever," Latorre said. "We've made our announcement and that's all we have say."

Owned by Swiss biotech tycoon Ernesto Bertarelli, Alinghi won the America's Cup in 2003 and successfully

defended it in 2007. The Swiss were routed in two races by San Francisco-based BMW Oracle Racing off Valencia, Spain, in the 33rd America's Cup in February. The racing in giant monohulls was the culmination of a bitter, 2½-year court fight between Bertarelli and American software tycoon Larry Ellison, two of the world's richest men. Latorre said in his statement that Alinghi remains interested in the America's Cup and "will be closely following its developments in the coming months."

He also appeared to take a shot at BMW Oracle Racing when he said that the Extreme

Sailing Series, which is sailed in 40-foot catamarans, is expanding geographically and commercially "whilst maintaining a truly level playfield and exciting competition."

The next America's Cup will be sailed in a new class of 72-foot catamarans, a departure from the traditional sloops.

Alinghi was involved in two of the most bitter chapters in America's Cup history.

After Team New Zealand successfully defended the America's Cup in 2000 in Auckland, Bertarelli poached top Kiwi talent for his startup syndicate, including skipper Russell Coutts. □



# Lance Armstrong investigators weighing politics, too

EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

Lance Armstrong's name surfaces at least once a month along with the words "cycling," "doping" and "grand jury."

His teammates are being questioned. A consultant. A business associate. A former friend.

Records of companies that sponsored him are of prime interest.

And last week, all this snooping moved across the Atlantic to France.

Soon, maybe just weeks from now, federal prosecutors likely will need to make a choice. They either stop chasing Armstrong, or they present a charge that ties one of the world's most famous athletes to drug use.

It's a decision that involves more than simply weighing the evidence.

Armstrong's popularity, his wealth, his ties to powerful figures including former U.S. presidents, his vehement denials, scores of clean drug tests — and, above all, his status as a cancer survivor and advocate for eradicating the disease — make him an incredibly tough target.

But for those who believe Armstrong cheated, all of those obstacles are less important than striking perhaps the biggest blow to date against performance-enhancing drugs.

"If you're going to aim that high you'd better be sure you have a rock-solid case," said a former federal prosecutor, Laurie Levenson of Loyola University Law School. "Jurors will want more than proof beyond a reasonable doubt when you're trying to bring down one of their heroes.

They will want proof beyond any doubt."

Armstrong became an important figure in a federal probe of cycling this spring after disgraced 2006 Tour de France winner Floyd Landis came forward with claims that Armstrong and his seven Tour-winning teams, most sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service, ran a complex doping program.



**In this July 22, 2004, file photo, spectators urge overall leader and five-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, center, of Austin, Texas, teammate and compatriot Floyd Landis, right, and Italy's Ivan Basso in the ascent of the La Croix Fry pass during the 17th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Bourg-d'Oisans and Le Grand Bornand, French Alps. Armstrong became an important figure in a federal probe of cycling this spring after disgraced 2006 Tour de France winner Landis came forward with claims that Armstrong and his seven Tour-winning teams, most sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service, ran a complex doping program**

Exactly what he could be charged with remains hazy, primarily because the grand jury hearing evidence in Los Angeles meets in secret. Still, there are some logical avenues for the U.S. attorney's office and Jeff Novitzky, the Food and Drug Administration agent who played a key role in the BALCO investigation and is helping with this one.

While doping in a French race isn't illegal in America, some things that go with drug use could be. For example, authorities could try to prove Armstrong and his team committed fraud or tax evasion by using money to fund a doping regimen that was classified for another purpose. Or, as with the cases against high-profile athletes (Marion Jones, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens), they could try to show Armstrong lied or

obstructed justice by denying he doped.

Mathew Rosengart, a former federal prosecutor who is not involved in the case, said attorneys may be able to circumvent the five-year statute of limitations on some alleged crimes if they charge Armstrong or others with conspiracy.

"The federal conspiracy statute is often referred to as a federal prosecutors' 'darling,' because it is so broad and is generally more understandable and less difficult to prove than an underlying technical offense," Rosengart said.

Whatever the specifics of the evidence, federal lawyers already are being questioned about the wisdom of going after Armstrong. A person briefed on the case, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions were

private, said there's a debate within the Department of Justice and other federal offices about the investigation, and whom it should target.

Armstrong remains hugely popular, but his positive ratings have declined in the wake of Landis' allegations in May.

"With the prosecution of Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens and this extension into international cycling, the question will be, has the government gone too far in targeting professional athletes?" Armstrong's attorney, Bryan Daly, said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Daly isn't the only one asking the question.

There's a "Support for Lance" website that urges followers to be there for the "international hero" at a time when he needs it most.

There are fans, such as those who expressed disapproval of the ongoing probe on the AP's Facebook page when it posted a story that U.S. investigators were working with French anti-doping authorities to collect evidence. Many of their comments were complaints about the government wasting its money when the economy was bad and unemployment high.

There was a letter written last summer to FDA commissioner Margaret Hamburg from Allen Vaught, a member of the Texas state House of Representatives and Armstrong supporter, who said "during these challenging times, the FDA should be using taxpayer resources to address ... other pressing life and death matters, and not a retired athlete."

And Armstrong has even more-impressive friends in government. Earlier this month, he tweeted a thank you to George H.W. and Barbara Bush for their support. He has worked with the foundation run by former President Bill Clinton.

Mostly, though, there are the supporters of Armstrong's charitable foundation, Livestrong, which attracts nearly 7 million visitors a month to its website, according to Fast Company

magazine. Armstrong has sold an estimated 70 million yellow Livestrong bracelets at \$1 each.

Among his fans is Gregory De Respino, whose wife, Gail, died of cancer in 2009. De Respino has tattoos spread across his body that tell his life story, one of which is the word "Livestrong," inked across his wrist as a permanent replacement for the yellow bracelet he once wore.

"He's a greater benefit to people untarnished than tarnished, I know that," De Respino said of Armstrong. "You have to look at the facts as they're presented. He's the one who beat cancer. He's the one who's been resilient. He's done nothing but good and he's the most-tested athlete on the planet. He's passed every test."

De Respino said he's written a number of checks to support Armstrong's cause and has an idea for a play that uses cycling as a metaphor for life. His dream is to produce the play and donate the earnings to Livestrong because "they're helping people I don't have access to."

De Respino's story is one of thousands that, collectively, portray the strength of Armstrong and his message — and the potential fan base the federal government could antagonize by going after the cyclist.

"When you have someone with star power, a jury will be inclined to give them a true presumption of innocence," said Mark Geragos, a top defense attorney in Los Angeles.

But if there's a "good" time for the government to target Armstrong, psychologist Stan Teitelbaum argues this could be it.

"There's been a lot of negative publicity," said Teitelbaum, who wrote the book "Sports Heroes, Fallen Idols." "The whole Landis thing, well, Landis is a big liar but he cast a large shadow over Armstrong. Now you look at it and say, 'Even if you're a liar, it doesn't mean everything you say is a lie.' Some people have started to believe there could be a degree of truth there." □



# Sharp holiday price drops seen for flat-panel TVs

By JESSICA MINTZ,  
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SEATTLE – If you're in the market for a new flat-panel TV, it's a good time to buy.

TV prices usually drop from year to year, and the decline will be sharp this season thanks to a supply glut. Consumers have been holding out all year for better deals, leaving lots of unsold televisions on the shelves. Prices for high-definition LCD TVs will fall more than twice as fast as they have so far this year as manufacturers and retailers clear out inventory, analysts predict.

New sets will also be cheaper because TV makers have been getting great deals on the most expensive parts, the glass LCD panels.

However, DisplaySearch analyst Paul Gagnon expects prices for those components to level off early next year, so discounts won't be this steep again until the holidays next year, or even later.

For the consumer, that means that if you pull the trigger

on a new set in the next few months, you probably won't be kicking yourself next year for not waiting a little longer. The law of supply and demand is at work here:

- A TV-buying spree in late 2009 led to component shortages, which kept prices high in early 2010. That discouraged consumers.

- Makers of LCD panels invested profits from last year's buying spree in more manufacturing capacity. Thinking 2010 would be as strong as 2009, they flooded the market. But the economy didn't improve as expected.

- As a result, there's an oversupply of panels, and prices started dropping over the summer. That means cheaper sets should be making their way to stores now.

Already, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has slashed prices for some older models. Among the deals: a 32-inch Vizio set that went to \$298 from \$348. Amazon.com Inc. and Best Buy Co. are starting to advertise deals, too.

Some of the best deals this season will be on 32-inch LCD TVs, the most popular size. They will sell for rock-bottom rates of \$300 or less, compared with about \$400 last year. That's because manufacturers are selling raw panels of that size for only slightly more than the cost of making them — \$160 to \$170 each, far less than the \$210 to \$220 they fetched earlier this year.

Prices for 40-inch and 42-inch sets will drop about 20 percent, approaching \$500, said Gagnon, the DisplaySearch analyst.

Deep price cuts also are coming for higher-end models, including LCD TVs with LED backlights, which use less energy than regular sets and can be thinner or provide improved picture quality. Manufacturers have increased production capacity for parts specific to LED sets; that will drive down prices for components and, ultimately, the TVs themselves.

Overall, good deals will be 15



**FILE -** In this file photo taken March 3, 2010, people look at wide screen televisions at a Costco store in Mountain View, Calif. If you're in the market for a new flat-panel TV, it's a good time to buy. TV prices usually drop from year to year, and the decline will be sharp this 2010 holiday season thanks to a supply glut. Consumers have been holding out all year for better deals, leaving lots of unsold televisions on the shelves.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, File)

percent to 20 percent lower than holiday 2009 prices for regular LCD TVs. The price drop had been slimmer at 7 percent earlier this year, Gagnon says, and the decline should return to the single digits by spring.

Of course, the longer a buyer waits, the lower the prices go. But that has to be weighed against the value of having a new TV. If a 32-inch set turns

out to be \$20 cheaper next summer, the buyer could have gotten six months of better TV for \$20.

"In this industry you always know that in the future, you will buy new technology at a lower price. That's not the point," said Sweta Dash, an analyst at iSuppli Corp. "Especially this holiday, the price you will see is very good." □



A Kindle version of the Lonely Planet guide to Germany and the 844-page, 13.6 oz. printed version are shown in this photograph, in New York, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

By ANICK JESDANUN,  
AP Technology Writer

DRESDEN, Germany – It sounded like a better, lighter way to pack for a trip to Germany: a Kindle with a Lonely Planet travel guide in lieu of an 844-page brick of a book.

Yet to my surprise, the 10-day visit to Munich, Dresden and Berlin turned into a lesson about the pitfalls of cramming an old medium — the book — into a new one — the electronic reading device.

It's a good thing that I had the foresight to bring a paper copy of Lonely Planet's "Germany," borrowed from the public library. My plan was to bring it as a backup in case something went wrong with the Kindle, but leave it in the hotel room to lighten my backpack. Instead, I ditched the Kindle and carried the book around.

That made me sad, because the Kindle, and the e-reading revolution, promises so much. The e-reader from Amazon.

com Inc. is light and can store not only the travel guide, but all the bulky novels I've been meaning to catch up on. A built-in dictionary lets me look up strange words.

The Kindle lets me type notes, highlight passages, and find them easily again. I added tips on tipping and transit fares as well as a reminder to visit a concentration camp memorial outside Berlin. The Kindle also lets me add bookmarks, the digital equivalent of the folded corners, or doggie ears, that I've marred many paperbacks with in the past.

Preparing for the trip, there was no need to go to a book store or even a computer. I just bought the book through the Kindle's wireless connection. The Kindle version of the Lonely Planet guide was cheaper, too — \$15.39, compared with the paper version at \$18.47 on Amazon (the list price for both is \$27.99).

Lonely Planet also let me buy individual chapters — for example, the one on Munich and surrounding Bavaria — for less than \$5 (though it wasn't clear that I'd be getting the same content contained in the main book, rather than a distinct guide for the region). But I quickly came to realize what I like most about paper books: I can touch the pages, and I can see more at once, whether it's a map, some text or a combination.

I missed all that reading on the Kindle, which was clumsy by comparison. There were two main reasons for this: the screen technology and the way the book was converted for e-reading. Consider the Lonely Planet's 2.2-mile, 16-stop walking tour of Dresden, which takes me by the major churches, markets and other sights rebuilt following the Allied bombings of the city in the waning days of World War

II. The narrative gave me bare-bones descriptions of each sight. To learn more, I had to flip to a different section in the book and sometimes consult the index to find the right page. To navigate the route, I had to flip to a map and follow a black line marking my route. Holding the paper version, I simply kept my thumb on one page and a finger on another to flip back and forth between the narrative and the deeper descriptions. The map was either on the same page or just one page away.

With the Kindle, I had to hit "next page" and "prev page" repeatedly, and the pages took their sweet time to turn, because the "electronic ink" technology of the screen doesn't respond as fast as a computer screen. Out of frustration, I flicked a switch to turn the device off instead. E-ink also means scrolling and zooming doesn't work well. □





**FILE - In this June 17, 2010 file photo, Billy Joel attends the 2010 Songwriters Hall of Fame awards gala in New York. Joel is recovering from double hip-replacement surgery. Joel spokeswoman Claire Mercuri told People magazine Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, that the 61-year-old pop star had both hips replaced last week to correct a congenital condition.**

*(AP Photo/Peter Kramer, File)*

## Billy Joel mending after replacements of both hips

NEW YORK – Billy Joel is recovering from double hip-replacement surgery.

Joel spokeswoman Claire Mercuri told People magazine Wednesday that the 61-year-old pop star had both hips replaced last week to correct a congenital condition.

She says Joel, the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer responsible for such hits as “Piano Man,” “Uptown Girl” and “New York State of Mind,” is doing “extremely well.”

Joel toured this year and was recently promoting the documentary film “The Last Play at Shea.” There’s no word on when he plans to perform on stage again. □



## ‘Darth Vader’ costume can’t find new owner at sale

LONDON – Auctioneers overestimated the power of the dark side.

An original Darth Vader costume from a “Star Wars” movie did not sell at auction Thursday when no bidder offered to pay the reserve price, Christie’s auctioneers said.

The outfit — a jet-black helmet, mask and armor — was expected to sell for between 160,000 pounds and 230,000 pounds (\$250,000 to \$365,000). The reserve price is confidential but generally it is just under the minimum expected price.

Christie’s said bidding stopped at 150,000 pounds.

The costume is thought to have been made for “The Empire Strikes Back,” the second film in George Lucas’s sci-fi series, released in 1980.

The auction house’s head of popular culture, Neil Roberts, said the costume is one of the most iconic in the history of cinema.

Christie’s did not name the seller, identified only as an American private collector.

Meanwhile, a gun used in an advertising campaign for a James Bond movie was sold for more than 10 times its estimated value at Thursday’s auction of movie memorabilia.

The Walter air pistol held by Bond actor Sean Connery in the poster for the 1963 film, “From Russia With Love,” was sold for 277,250 pounds (\$437,206) to an unidentified telephone bidder, Christie’s said.



**A visitor looks at a Darth Vader costume from the epic ‘Star Wars’ movie anthology on display during the ‘Popular Culture : Film and Entertainment’ sale at Christie’s auction house in London, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010. The Darth Vader costume sold for a hammer down price of 150,000 pounds (US\$236,700 or 177,300 euro)**

*(AP Photo/Sang Tan)*

## Yoko Ono interviews son for ‘Day of Listening’

By **BRETT ZONGKER,**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Yoko Ono and her son, Sean Lennon, are joining a national oral history project that urges people to take time the day after Thanksgiving for a National Day of Listening with their friends and loved ones.

The recorded conversation between mother and son about their lives will be broadcast Friday as part of the StoryCorps segment on NPR’s “Morning Edition.” Organizers said Ono and her son find similarities between their childhoods.

This is the third year for the National Day of Listening, a project that encourages people to record interviews with friends or family members about their lives. New participants this year also include U.S. Olympic athletes and staff at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian as part of Native American Heritage Day on Friday.

KJ Jacks, 29, who has worked in special events since the museum opened in 2004, said it was a chance to talk about the diversity among Native Americans, including her own experience growing up near Denver. She said it’s important for people

to know Native people are part of everyday life and that “we don’t all walk around wearing buckskin dresses.”

“My father is full-blood Cherokee. I didn’t meet him until I was 16 years old. So my mom tried to get me interested in Indian culture when I was young, and I wasn’t having any of it — I was rebelling,” she said in her interview with a co-worker.

Jacks explained that she grew up with a single mother of Irish decent. It wasn’t until she came to work for the museum that she wanted to learn more about her Cherokee heritage and reconnect with her father.

“I feel like I have a very different background than a lot of people who work in the museum, a lot of the Native people, because I didn’t grow up in it,” she said after her story was recorded. “I think it will be a good way to just understand how people work.” Free interview guides and sample questions are available online or through an iPhone app from the New York-based StoryCorps project. Former President George W. Bush helped jump-start the Day of Listening in 2008 before leaving the White House by sitting down for an interview with his sister, Dorothy

Walker Bush Koch.

Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected more than 30,000 interviews across the country. The recordings are archived at the Library of Congress. Founder Dave Isay said that during a time of much political and cultural division, listening to one another can remind people “how much more unites us than divides us.”

Curators at the American Indian museum may consider a larger oral history effort and are encouraging indigenous people to record their stories.

The museum wants to have Native American communities more involved in developing its content to help redefine how they are represented, director Kevin Gover said in an interview he recorded for StoryCorps. He also showed how the interviews can reveal very personal details. Gover, who is of Pawnee decent, spoke about his life growing up with an alcoholic father and his own struggles with alcoholism.

“In my career as a drinker, I still have memories that I shudder over, things that I did, and I just wish I could take them back,” he said. “So that’s reason enough for me never to drink again.” □



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### Euro will survive debt crisis, Merkel vows

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BERLIN — The 16-nation euro currency will survive the debt crisis, German Chancellor Angela Merkel vowed Thursday, and a senior central banker said the European Union would be willing to increase its \$1 trillion bailout fund if necessary.

As Merkel spoke, the euro wallowed near two-month lows against the dollar. Some analysts predicted it would drop further as other heavily indebted countries, like Portugal and Spain, risk following Greece and Ireland in needing massive bailouts.

The euro was down 0.3 percent Thursday at \$1.3297 — from a recent high of \$1.4244 on Nov. 4. “I’m more confident than this spring that the European Union will emerge strengthened from the current challenges,” Merkel told business leaders in Berlin, referring to May’s euro110 billion (\$146 billion) bailout of Greece by the EU and the International Monetary Fund.

Experts say that while rescuing Greece, Ireland or even Portugal is manageable for the EU’s euro750 billion (\$1 trillion) emergency fund, bailing out Spain — whose economy is five times larger than any of the other three countries — would test its limits and threaten the euro’s existence.

Axel Weber, the head of Germany’s central bank and a leading rate-setter at the European Central Bank, said European nations would be willing to boost

the emergency fund by as much as euro100 billion (\$133 billion) to fully cover the total public debt load of Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Spain.

The leaders of Germany and France, the eurozone’s twin economic engines, were discussing the European debt crisis in a telephone call later Thursday.

In the markets, investors continued to put pressure on Portugal and Spain, keeping their borrowing costs near euro-record highs. That reflects market uncertainty about the countries’ ability to pay off debts amid an economic downturn — and fears that they will also need massive bailouts. Markets demand a higher return on bonds issued by countries seen as a risky investment. “Uncertainty has got a firm grip on the market, that much is clear,” said Filipe Silva, a debt manager at Portugal’s Banco Carregosa. “Comments by (European leaders) aren’t giving the market any sense of direction. Silva said there was a clear trend toward pulling investments out of the eurozone’s weaker economies.

The head of the EU’s bailout fund, Klaus Regling, also defended the integrity of the eurozone.

“No country will voluntarily give up the euro — for weaker countries that would be economic suicide, likewise for the stronger countries,” Regling said in Germany’s Bild newspaper Thursday.

Merkel insisted again Thursday on setting up new rules to deal with sovereign debt problems that would come into effect after 2013. She stressed, however, that

no eurozone member at the moment requires debt restructuring.

Analysts and politicians have blamed Germany’s insistence on making investors share the pain of bailouts for the recent rise in interest rates on Irish, Portuguese and Spanish bonds. EU finance ministers have said the new mechanism would only apply to bonds issued after 2013 but that has failed to abate market tensions.

The new crisis mechanism is supposed to replace the euro750 billion financial backstop set up by eurozone governments and the IMF in May, after intervention to save Greece.

The EU’s executive commission will release its plan for the new bailout rules in early December.

Earlier in the day, France and Germany’s foreign ministers said their nations would be able to provide swift assistance for Ireland, which is negotiating an estimated euro85 billion (\$115 billion) EU-IMF bailout.

But French Foreign Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said Europe is facing a “speculative attack” against the euro “in which those countries that could appear weak in the eyes of speculators are put under pressure.”

Alliot-Marie underlined the importance of intervening quickly in markets to prevent further destabilization and supported Merkel’s call to set up the new bailout mechanism.

“Now we want to reinforce these regulations to have a crisis mechanism that allows us not only to react, but to prevent these



University students hang a banner with writing reading in Italian ‘No to the Gelmini (Education Minister Mariastella Gelmini) reform’ from the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010. Italian university students occupied the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Rome’s Colosseum to protest education cuts and reforms before parliament. According to agencies, some 2,000 students marched in the university town of Pisa, forming a human chain around the tower to prevent tourists from entering. Several climbed up inside the famous landmark as tourists snapped photos of the demonstration. Thursday was the second day of protests throughout Italy against the reforms, which would force the closure of schools operating in the red and eliminate some areas of study.

(AP Photo/Paolo Lazzeroni)

speculative attacks,” Alliot-Marie said.

To get the bailout, Ireland on Wednesday unveiled a plan to cut euro15 billion (\$20 billion) from its deficits through 2014. Opposition leaders in Dublin, however, vowed Thursday to rewrite Ireland’s harsh four-year austerity plan if, as expected, they oust Prime Minister Brian Cowen in early elections next year. Ireland’s deficit this year is forecast to reach 32 percent of GDP, a modern European

record, fueled by the billions it has spent bailing out Irish banks who gorged themselves on overpriced real estate.

In Italy, students protested education cuts for a second day, occupying both the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Rome’s Colosseum. Students formed a human chain around Pisa’s famous tower to prevent tourists from entering and marched around the Colosseum with banners reading “No profits off our future.” □



## HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

## Go for turkey, not stuffing to keep the weight off



**FILE** - This Oct. 12, 2010 file photo shows roasted garlic and herb turkey with forest mushroom and salami stuffing. More turkey, less white bread and mashed potatoes. Just in time for holiday feasting, a large study found that diets higher in protein and lower in carbohydrates can help overweight adults who managed to drop some weight keep it off, The Associated Press reports Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010.

(AP Photo/Larry Crowe, File)

By ALICIA CHANG,  
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — More turkey, less white bread and mashed potatoes. Just in time for holiday feasting, a large study found that diets higher in protein and lower in carbohydrates can help overweight adults who managed to drop some weight keep it off.

As every yo-yo dieter knows, the real struggle isn't so much shedding pounds, but keeping them off. Past research has shown that as long as you burn more calories than you eat, you can slim down in the short term no matter what diet you try. Fewer studies have looked at ways to avoid packing it back on.

European researchers led by Denmark's University of Copenhagen think they have a solution to break the cycle.

Diets rich in lean meats, poultry and beans, and low in starchy carbs appear "to be the ideal for the prevention of weight regain," they wrote in a study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. The study involved 773 overweight and obese adults with families from eight European countries. The adults had already lost on

average 24 pounds after two months on a low-fat diet and the researchers thought getting their family involved would help keep them on track.

They were all put on one of five diets to test which one was best at preventing weight regain. Four were a combination of high or low amounts of proteins and carbs. The fifth was a control diet consisting of moderate protein, but no limit on carbs. Dieters in each group ate as much as they wanted and whenever they wanted. They received counseling and were given recipes and cooking advice. They also kept food diaries and provided blood and urine samples.

After six months, only the low-protein, high-carb group regained significant weight — nearly 4 pounds. By contrast, there was a trend toward a little more weight loss for those in the high-protein, low-carb group. Overall, there was a higher dropout rate than expected, possibly because it was hard keeping the whole family motivated. Fewer adults on the high-protein, low-carb diet dropped out of the study, suggesting that they were able to stick with it.

With a higher protein diet,

"you don't need to tell people that they should eat less. They don't need to concentrate on calories or how much they eat. It's a much more attractive way to try to control people's body weight," said one of the researchers, Dr. Arne Astrup, a nutrition professor in Copenhagen.

The study was funded by a European Commission health agency. Various food makers and diet companies donated food and products.

In an editorial, Dr. David Ludwig and Cara Ebbeling of Children's Hospital Boston, wrote that eating protein may trigger metabolic changes that make people feel fuller than if they consumed carbs or fat.

The biggest drawback was that the dieters were followed for a short period, and more study is needed to see if the weight loss is maintained over a longer duration.

"A diet that could effectively prevent weight regain over the long term would have major public health significance," they wrote. At least for now, the research suggests, if grandma tries to heap another spoonful of stuffing on your plate this holiday season, perhaps reach for the turkey or tofurkey instead. □

## Researchers say uncover HIV, insulin resistance link

ST. LOUIS — Researchers at the Washington of Medicine say they have uncovered why so many people with the HIV virus develop a dangerous insulin resistance that leads to diabetes and heart disease.

The culprit lies in the powerful drugs that prevent the development of AIDS and have extended the lives of many HIV patients, the researchers say. They hope the discovery will allow development of safer antiviral drugs.

The research, published this month in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, shows HIV protease inhibitor drugs directly interfere with the way blood sugar levels are controlled in the body. This leads to insulin resistance, a condition that occurs when the body produces enough insulin but doesn't use it properly.

Paul Hruz, a professor of pediatrics and biology at the School of Medicine, led a team that found first-generation protease inhibitors, including the drug ritonavir, block a protein that transports glucose from the blood into the cells where it is needed.

This raises blood sugar levels, a hallmark of diabetes.

"Our lab has established that one of the effects of these drugs is blocking glucose transport, one of most important steps in how insulin works," Hruz said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Now that we've identified the main mechanism, we will look to develop new drugs that treat HIV but don't cause diabetes."

Hruz said that the prevalence of overt diabetes in HIV is about five percent, while 25 percent of

patients have metabolic syndrome, a group of risk factors that occur together and increase the risk of diabetes as well as heart disease and stroke.

The team is working with a drug developer to create a new HIV drug that the virus does not develop resistance to.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a virus the human immune system can't rid itself of on its own. It attacks a key part of the immune system, leaving the body open to infections and diseases including AIDS, which is the final stage of the disease.

The government estimates there are more than 56,000 new cases of HIV a year and more than 25 million people have died of AIDS since it was first recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in 1981. □



# Donor eggs may be linked to pregnancy complication

By Genevra Pittman

**NEW YORK** — Women who use donated eggs to get pregnant by in vitro fertilization (IVF) might be more at risk for a common but potentially dangerous pregnancy complication than women using traditional IVF, a small study suggests.

Women who get pregnant using IVF -- in which an egg is fertilized outside the body, then implanted into a woman's uterus -- are already thought to be at an increased risk for preeclampsia. The condition occurs when a woman's blood pressure rises during her second or third trimester and her kidneys stop being able to retain protein.

Now it looks like using a donated egg could possibly increase that risk further -- but more studies are needed to confirm the finding, doctors say.

"The results of this study should not be alarming or frightening," said Dr. Peter Klatsky, the lead author of the paper from Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. Rather, he said, the finding may help doctors understand what causes preeclampsia and how to counsel patients who may be at risk.

Though relatively common, preeclampsia is not well explained. Pregnant women develop the condition in about one in twenty pregnancies, and the only cure is giving birth.

For women who have carried

a baby full term -- at least 37 weeks -- doctors may induce labor. In those who are earlier in their pregnancy, doctors closely monitor symptoms to make sure they don't get worse.

Previous studies have shown that women who use donor sperm and those who get pregnant with a new sexual partner have higher rates of preeclampsia than other women. That suggested that the condition could be related to the body's immune response to cells it doesn't recognize. So Klatsky and his colleagues wanted to test if that pattern held true for eggs that the body would consider "foreign."

They compared 77 women who had given birth using donated eggs between 1998 and 2005 with 81 similar women who had gotten pregnant using IVF with their own eggs. The researchers noted how many women in each group were diagnosed with either preeclampsia or pregnancy-related high blood pressure during their third trimesters, as well as how many gave birth to their babies prematurely.

The results, published in Obstetrics & Gynecology, show that about five percent of women who used their own eggs for IVF developed preeclampsia, compared to almost 17 percent of women using donor eggs. Women using donor eggs were also more likely to get high blood pressure without kidney

problems and to deliver early. The findings also showed that women who got pregnant using embryos that had been frozen and then thawed were more at risk for preeclampsia than women using fresh embryos. While the researchers did not initially set out to test that, Klatsky said it's a possible effect that's worth looking into with future studies.

He also said the findings suggest that doctors may want to keep a close eye on patients who got pregnant using donor eggs to make sure they don't start developing signs of preeclampsia.

Dr. Sacha Krieg, an obstetrician who studies infertility at the Kansas University Medical Center and was not involved with the study, agreed that doctors should counsel patients at increased risk for preeclampsia and monitor them more closely during pregnancy.

But she cautioned against trying to draw too much of a conclusion from a small study. Rather than looking backwards at records of women who have already given birth, she hopes that future studies will start with women who are just getting pregnant and track their health as they go through their pregnancy. While harder to conduct, such studies can often give researchers more accurate information.

What both Klatsky and Krieg do hope is that this study will give researchers more clues about how preeclampsia develops. Having more

information about the condition could help doctors "develop better treatments and better ways to prevent it, and better ways to counsel patients about their risks," Klatsky said.

Signs continue to point to preeclampsia having something to do with the body's immune response when it recognizes foreign cells. That would make sense, Krieg said. "We know that the immune response is important for both implantation and development of the fetus," she said. Doctors need to learn more about how a fetus implants in the uterus, Krieg added, because this is probably where the early stages of preeclampsia start, even if women don't show symptoms until much later.

The main message of the study, Klatsky said, is not that women who have gotten pregnant using donor eggs should be scared of developing preeclampsia. It's that doctors should be aware of possible risks to their patients, and most importantly that researchers should keep tracking the immune system response in pregnant women. "This is exciting because it sheds new light on to a potential cause of this common disease," he said. □

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In this undated photo released during a news conference in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010 by the Northeastern Research Institute of Petrified Wood and Mineral Resources, the skull of an ancient crocodile which was dug in Nakhon Rathasima, northeastern Thailand in 2006, is shown from the top. Thai scientists described the fossil as a new ancient crocodile species Thursday.

(AP Photo)

## 100-million-year-old crocodile species discovered

BANGKOK – A new species of crocodile that lived 100 million years ago has been identified from a fossil found in Thailand, researchers said Thursday.

Komsorn Lauprasert, a scientist at Mahasarakham University, said the species had longer legs than modern-day crocodiles and probably fed on fish, based on the characteristics of its teeth.

“They were living on land and could run very fast,” said Komsorn, who noticed the skull fossil in a museum in the summer of 2006. The 6-inch-long (15-centimeter-long) fossil was originally retrieved from an excavation site in Nakhon Rathasima province, also known as Korat, but had not been identified as belonging to a distinct species.

The species has been named “Khoratosuchus jintasakuli,” after Korat province, where the fossil was found, and the last name of the director of the Northeastern Research Institute of Petrified Wood and Mineral Resources, Pratueng Jintasakul. The finding has been published a peer-reviewed publication of The Geological Society of London.

Northeastern Thailand has become an important site for paleontologists in recent decades. Numerous prehistoric fossils have been found in Thailand’s so-called dinosaur belt, where fossil-rich Mesozoic-era sedimentary rock has been thrust to the surface.

Thai and French scientists began conducting joint research in the area in 1980 after a geologist seeking uranium found a dinosaur thigh bone in the late 1970s. □

# Dinosaur die-off cleared way for gigantic mammals

By LAURAN NEERGAARD,  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – They just needed some leg room: New research shows the great dinosaur die-off made way for mammals to explode in size — some more massive than several elephants put together.

The largest land mammal ever: A rhinoceros-like creature, minus the horn, that stood 18 feet tall, weighed roughly 17 tons and grazed in forests in what is now Eurasia. It makes the better known woolly mammoth seem a bit puny.

Tracking such prehistoric giants is more than a curiosity: It sheds new light on the evolution of mammals as they diversified to fill habitats left vacant by the dinosaurs.

Within 25 million years of the dinosaurs’ extinction — fast, in geologic terms — overall land mammals had reached a maximum size and then leveled off, an international team of scientists reports Friday in the journal *Science*. And while different species on different continents reached their peaks at different points in time, that pattern of evolution was remarkably similar worldwide.

“Evolution can happen

very quickly when ecology permits,” said paleoecologist Felisa Smith of the University of New Mexico, who led the research. “This is really coming down to ecology allowing this to happen.”

Anyone who frequents natural history museums knows that the end of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago ushered in the age of mammals, and that some of them were gigantic. But the new study is the first comprehensive mapping of these giants in a way that helps explain how and why their size evolved.

“We didn’t have a clear idea of how the story went after the extinction of the dinosaurs,” explained Nick Pyenson, a curator at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History, who wasn’t involved with the new research.

Previous theories suggested that species diversity drove increases in size, but the new study didn’t find that connection.

“It suggests there’s a deeper explanation of how large body size evolves in mammals,” he said.

Mammals did coexist with dinosaurs, but small ones, ranging from about the size of a mouse to a maximum of a small dog.

“We were pretty much the varmints scurrying around the feet of the dinosaurs,” is how New Mexico’s Smith puts it.

To see how that changed, researchers funded by the National Science Foundation collected fossil data on the maximum sizes attained by all major groups of mammals on each continent throughout their evolutionary history. How do they know the sizes? Smith said mammal teeth not only tend to preserve better than bones, but they correlate very well to body mass.

The largest was that 17-ton rhino-like Indricotherium, followed closely by an elephant-looking creature named Deinotherium in Africa, Smith said. Contrast them to modern elephants, which average about 3 to 5 tons. The herbivores grew large first, perhaps because they had an advantage in eating the vegetation left flourishing after the plant-eating dinosaurs were gone. Just like with today’s lions and elephants, the largest carnivores who came along a bit later remained an order of magnitude smaller than the biggest prehistoric herbivores.

Why did mammal size level off? Available land area and the earth’s temperature, Smith said. Ninety percent of the food mammals eat goes to maintaining their core body temperature, and the amount of food is related to the amount of land supporting a population. The biggest mammals evolved when a cooler climate meant lower sea levels and more land area. Also, bigger animals conserve heat better, a problem when temperatures rise.

Scientists debate if climate change or early humans eventually ended the age of giant mammals, something the new study doesn’t address. □

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# Uruguay tendrá a su primera mujer presidenta

MONTEVIDEO (Reuters) - La esposa del mandatario de Uruguay, José Mujica, y legisladora más votada de la izquierda oficialista, Lucía Topolansky, se convertirá el viernes por poco más de dos días en la primera mujer presidenta del país debido a la ausencia del gobernante y su vicepresidente.

Topolansky, integrante de un grupo guerrillero en las décadas de 1960 y 1970 al igual que Mujica, estuvo encarcelada como el actual mandatario, con el que compartió también la clandestinidad. En el 2005 se casaron.

La senadora, de 66 años, por ser la legisladora con más adhesiones en los últimos comicios, es la tercera en la línea de sucesión de la presidencia y asumirá el puesto ante la salida del país de Mujica y del vicepresidente, Danilo Astori.

“Esto es una ‘changuita’ (trabajo) eventual que yo tengo (...) Si sirve para el imaginario público y abrir la posibilidad para que alguna (mujer) más joven de futuro (llegue a la presidencia), bienvenido sea”, dijo Topolansky a periodistas. Mujica viajará el viernes a España, donde según medios locales se entrevistará con

empresarios y presenciara un partido de fútbol del Atlético de Madrid, donde juega el delantero uruguayo Diego Forlán.

El viaje del mandatario coincidirá con un viaje oficial del vicepresidente, quien se encuentra en Corea del Sur y regresará el domingo.

Durante su corta gestión al frente del Gobierno, Topolansky tiene previsto concurrir a una presentación de orquestas militares, a una escuela agraria, a una entrega de premios y a un acto en un centro oncológico en el interior del país. □



Foto de archivo de la esposa del mandatario de Uruguay, José Mujica, y legisladora más votada de la izquierda oficialista, Lucía Topolansky, en una sesión del Congreso en Montevideo, feb 15 2010. Topolansky se convertirá el viernes por poco más de dos días en la primera mujer presidenta del país debido a la ausencia del gobernante y su vicepresidente. REUTERS/Andres Stapff

## Chile y Perú reforzarán integración pese a diferendo

LIMA (Reuters) - Chile y Perú dijeron el jueves que buscarán integrarse en el campo energético para impulsar el fuerte desarrollo de sus economías y dejar de lado temas que los separan en el terreno diplomático como un litigio por diferencias en sus límites marítimos. El presidente chileno, Sebastián Piñera, en su primera visita oficial a Perú, afirmó que se deben enfocar en dejar de lado los “malos entendidos” para aprovechar las sinergias entre ambos países, grandes productores mundiales de materias primas como los minerales.

“Lo que nos une es mucho más fuerte de que lo que nos separa”, dijo Piñera a periodistas en el Palacio de Gobierno de Lima, luego de suscribir acuerdos de cooperación con el mandatario peruano, Alan García.

La relación entre Santiago y Lima ha tenido altibajos tras una guerra que los enfrentó a fines del siglo XIX y en la que Perú perdió parte de su territorio del sur a manos de Chile. Actualmente, ambos países mantienen un litigio por un diferendo en sus límites marítimos en la Corte Internacional de Justicia de La Haya. “Lo único sabio es dejar en la Haya lo que le pertenece a la Haya y dejar en nuestras manos, presidente, lo que depende de nosotros, que es hacer los mejores esfuerzos para beneficiar a un mejor desarrollo”, dijo Piñera mirando a García, quien visitará Chile en enero.

Pese al roce por el tema limítrofe, el intercambio comercial y las inversiones entre Perú y Chile han crecido fuertemente en los

últimos años y no deberían verse afectadas por el tema, según analistas.

Piñera -quien se reunió recientemente con el presidente colombiano, Juan Manuel Santos, en Bogotá,- dijo que evalúan una integración energética que involucra también a países vecinos como Ecuador, Colombia y Bolivia.

“Conversamos con el presidente Santos ayer (miércoles) un proyecto de integración eléctrica entre Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Chile y Bolivia que ya está estudiado, sabemos cuánto cuesta, dónde hay que construir las líneas”, afirmó.

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El mandatario chileno resaltó que su país ha estado desarrollando fuentes alternativas de energía para sostener la fuerte demanda de sectores como la minería. Chile es el mayor productor mundial de cobre.

“Quiero clarificar que en esta materia no se trata de que un país le haga un favor a otro país o que le haga una concesión, esto se va a hacer si es de mutuo beneficio y por tanto tendremos intercambio de gas e intercambio de energía, si es conveniente para ambos países”, afirmó Piñera. El presidente García afirmó por su parte que conversaron sobre un concepto amplio de “integración profunda”, que vincule a varios países de Sudamérica para complementar sus recursos energéticos. Además dejó abierta la posibilidad de que en algún momento Perú pueda vender gas natural a Chile. □

## Venezuela ayuda a damnificados colombianos

TAME, Colombia (AP) - Venezuela instalará un puente para comunicar dos poblaciones colombianas fronterizas que quedaron aisladas por el desbordamiento de un río que destruyó sus vías de acceso.

El ministro de Defensa de Colombia Rodrigo Rivera, durante una reunión de senadores en esta población limítrofe con Venezuela, a unos 340 kilómetros al noreste de Bogotá, en el departamento de Arauca, dijo que “el gobierno de Venezuela ha resuelto entregarle a Colombia un puente de 110 metros de longitud para comunicar a nuestros compatriotas de Tibú”. Explicó que el puente que comunica esa localidad con la cabecera departamental de Cúcuta ha sido destruido por el río Sardinata.

Rivera dijo que el gesto venezolano refleja el buen momento por el que pasan las relaciones entre los dos países. Colombia es asolada por una fuerte temporada de lluvias que deja hasta la fecha 161 muertos, 223 heridos, 20 desaparecidos, 1,3 millones de afectados, 1.785 viviendas destruidas y 229.577 viviendas averiadas, según estadísticas del Ministerio del Interior y de Justicia. □



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